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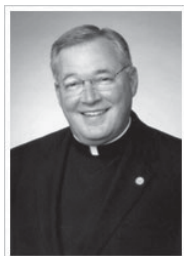
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- ◆ CAMPUS MINISTRIES
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- ◆ CHILE



My dear friends in Christ,

As I write, we await the election of a new Pope and I, along with my brothers in Holy Cross, are in

fervent prayer that the Holy Spirit's presence guide this important process. I trust your prayers are joined with ours.

While in the process of the election, the life and legacy of Pope John Paul II is still fresh in our hearts and minds. Many observers have attempted to document the impact of his papacy, yet the full depth and range of his life and his work for the Church will never be measured, as it not only affects the present, but will influence generations to follow. Though gone in body, his spirit remains.

As I reflect upon my meeting Pope John Paul II, I recall that he was a genuine, humble and deeply spiritual man, who truly embodied Christ. To look into the eyes of John Paul was to feel the presence of God. I will forever be grateful and inspired by his leadership.

One of John Paul's many contributions to the Church, which is particularly relevant to Holy Cross and this issue of *PILLARS*, was his continued devotion to caring for the poor and oppressed.

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Our Constitutions, accepted by every Holy Cross religious, call us to "reach out in a preferential way to the poor and afflicted", following the example of Christ. Holy Cross strives to do this through all of our ministries, whether in our educational institutions, our parishes or our foreign missions.

You will read about three very compelling and unique ministries to the poor and oppressed on the following pages. André House, our dedicated program to assist the poor and homeless in Phoenix, Arizona; the Downtown Chapel of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Portland, Oregon, which serves the homeless, the addicted and the suffering; and a Refugee Resettlement Program operated by St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Indiana.

These three outstanding programs are characteristic of our work with the poor throughout the world. Though Holy Cross sponsors these ministries, you will notice that our lay partners play tremendous roles in the success of each. Holy Cross works in partnership with many in the Church to realize the Gospel of Christ. You share in this important work.

We keep you and the Church in our daily prayers. God's blessings!

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



## ANDRÉ HOUSE - WHERE CHRIST IS SERVED ■ REV. BILL WACK, C.S.C.

The Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross urge us to “reach out in a preferential way to the poor and afflicted”. The employees, volunteers, and donors of Andre House are answering this call through their ministry to the poor.

André House, located in Phoenix, Arizona, is a house of hospitality which reaches out to those most in need by offering simple services like food, clothing, showers, blankets, and shelter. Each day hundreds of people pass through our doors to help or be helped.

The House is named for Blessed Brother André Bessette, C.S.C., who was known for providing comfort to the afflicted and hope for the discouraged. At André House we work to fulfill the mission of this humble Brother, serving Christ by being attentive to the needs of our brothers and sisters around us. Many volunteers and donors of all faith backgrounds, means, and ages converge upon our building to be a part of this community that serves in Christ’s name.

The number of services provided by André House has grown exponentially since its founding in 1984. In the beginning a few guests were welcomed into the house to escape homelessness, even if only for a night. Over time a soup line has been added, serving hot food to hundreds of people nearly every night. André House has expanded to include a free clothing store and a job development organization, St. Joseph the Worker, along with showers, laundry facilities, and an office where people can make a phone call or receive basic medicines. Throughout its evolution, the André House mission has remained the same: to welcome Christ in welcoming our brothers and sisters in need.

Quite often, no doubt, Brother André could do no more for people in need than pay attention to them. The people at André House hope to share the same gift with others today. Most of the people who come to André House for assistance come seeking food, clothing, shelter, or other services. Indeed, for some the House is literally a lifesaver. But the most important service provided is not nearly as tangible as a plate of food or a warm bed. This type of assistance comes in the form of a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, or a companion who can share in one’s joys and sorrows.

The feeling of community at André House often blurs the distinction between those in need and those who have come to help. Employees, volunteers, and donors leave André House feeling as though they’ve been touched by Christ. At the end of each day, both the guests and workers find themselves saying, “Thank you” and “God bless you” to one another.

Whether in gathering around the altar for morning Mass in our parking lot, or sharing a plate of food with a guest in the dining room, Jesus Christ is serving and being served every day through simple acts of love at André House.

## LABOR OF LOVE - A DONOR'S STORY

"WHEN YOU GIVE A BANQUET, MAKE IT YOUR HABIT TO INVITE THE POOR, THE CRIPPLED, THE LAME AND THE BLIND." (LK 14: 13) **JOAN AND JACK BUTLER - PREPARING THE BANQUET**

Being called "The Best Soup Kitchen in the country" by those who need and benefit from such a service is quite a distinction, likely equivalent to a 5 - star rating at a fine restaurant.

Joan and Jack Butler can tell you why André House has earned such a title from its guests.

For over 20 years the Butlers have volunteered their time and money to care for the least of Christ's brothers and sisters through André House. They know, first hand, why André House is such a special and revered soup kitchen. After all, they were instrumental in helping develop it.



*Joan and Jack pause a moment from their busy volunteer schedule.*

In 1984, two priests of Holy Cross shared their vision of a center to serve the homeless in Phoenix. The Butlers were among the first to heed the call. Their motivation, learned from their involvement in Marriage Encounter, was to find something they could do together to witness Christ's love that would provide them with an opportunity to grow in their relationship. André House appeared to be a good match.

Throughout the past 20 years the Butlers have willingly filled many roles at André House, have worked with numerous religious, staff, and volunteers, and continue to be inspired to do more. But giving is not the only side of this story; the Butlers have also received. They have grown in their relationship, they have learned to appreciate and love the homeless, and they have chosen to live their lives as Christian stewards, appropriately using their time and treasure as called by their faith.

The Butlers have been key to creating an atmosphere at André House that respects the dignity of all people, that welcomes with warm hearts and without judgment, and that reflects the love of Christ in each and every encounter.

Ask the Butlers what makes André House so special and Joan will jokingly make reference to orr "world famous spaghetti" or the ambience of the dining room. But fundamental to these things are the people like Joan and Jack, acting as ambassadors of Christ, offering genuine and warm hospitality to all who enter.

Creating "The Best Soup Kitchen in the country" has been a 20 year journey which Joan and Jack Butler helped pave by their selfless gifts of time and money. Their legacy has touched thousands of lives, and as they look ahead, will touch thousands more.

# VIEWS! WE WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS.

**Whatever happened to ...**

*Fr. Joseph Browne, C.S.C., Fr. William Dorwart, C.S.C., or Fr. Thomas Bill, C.S.C.?*

Have you ever wondered what happened to a past Holy Cross parish priest, your hall rector, teacher or classmate from University of Portland or Notre Dame? If you would like to find out, or renew a special relationship, let us know using the COMMENTS option. By the way, Fr. Browne and Fr. Bill join ten other men in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries as Holy Cross religious. Fr. Dorwart will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, along with three other priests on May 27, 2005. Please remember these men in your prayers on their special day.

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## MEET THE MISSION - HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATION

■ REV. HERBERT C. YOST, C.S.C.

**Holy Cross Association** was founded in the mid-1950's to help raise funds for the construction of a new seminary at Notre Dame, devoted to the education of future Holy Cross priests. Now, half a century later, the Association still raises funds for the needs of Moreau Seminary. In addition, we help with the needs of our retired/ill priests and brothers who live at Holy Cross House, right next door to the Seminary.

Our special ministry does what it can to help with prayerful and financial support of the oldest and youngest members of the Congregation of Holy Cross. We offer our friends and our benefactors a *menu* of giving options, from five appeals/newsletters published each year, to a monthly giving calendar. In addition, we make arrangements for Masses for the living or the dead and offer Mass cards. Many benefactors enroll friends and loved ones, living and dead, in our **Golden Treasury** which provides a *perpetual* share in the prayers and Masses of all Holy Cross priests, brothers and seminarians, or in the **Silver Treasury** which is a one-year enrollment.

Holy Cross Association is committed to helping donors understand the impact they have on our mission, and to providing them with the assurance that they are remembered in our Congregation's daily Masses and prayers. This special and genuinely spiritual partnership has been a vibrant part of Holy Cross' success for over 50 years, and we celebrate our past, present and future benefactors.



*From left to right, Carol Gromski, Fr. Herb Yost, C.S.C., and Melissa Bates, Holy Cross Association staff.*

## A PARISH OUTREACH - WALKING TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

Many who see Wilmot Bah joyfully playing his trumpet at Mass know the long journey taking him from war torn Liberia to St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Indiana. Liberia has seen at least 150,000 of its citizens die at the hands of oppressors or from starvation since the late 1980 civil war. Among those dead were Wilmot's first wife and two sons. Seeking respite, Wilmot walked for two weeks to a refugee camp in Ivory Coast, where he was eventually reunited with other sons, Aaron and Paye. For five years he, his sons and his second wife lived at the camp, hoping and praying for a better life.

In 2003, after being recognized as "refugees" under United Nations definitions, the family arrived in the United States. Wilmot, a hardworking man in his 60's, and his family, faced many obstacles: a new culture, a new climate, and new expectations. Though they spoke some English, the poorly educated family was illiterate, making their adjustment in the United States all the more difficult. Their needs were overwhelming – housing, clothing, employment, transportation, medical attention – as they pursued their dream of a new life in the United States.

Through the Refugee Resettlement Program, the St. Joseph Parish community rallied to meet the needs of Wilmot's family. Parishioners offered different levels of support, from linking the family to community resources to simply donating clothing or funds for groceries. The goal of the parishioners is the same: to welcome refugees as friends, mindful that Jesus Himself was once a refugee who fled from persecution.

The St. Joseph community has opened its doors to six families from such places as Rwanda, Liberia, Sudan and the former Yugoslavia, escaping war, suffering, and oppression. With a 150-year tradition of social justice and social action, St. Joseph's parishioners continue to live the values of Holy Cross.

In turn, they are blessed with new friends like Wilmot, who sounds his trumpet at Sunday liturgy, a testament to the hope that lives within him even in the midst of struggle.



*The Bah's share a moment with Fr. John DeRiso, C.S.C. outside the doors of St. Joseph Parish*



## Open Door Equals Open Hearts ■ Rev. Ronald P. Raab, C.S.C.

The red doors, the landmark of the Downtown Chapel of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish on Sixth and Burnside, open every day to the needs of the poor in Old Town in Portland, Oregon. Our open doors are a reminder to the parish community that we serve the Gospel of the poor. They are a reminder of our Holy Cross heritage of Blessed Brother Andre, C.S.C., his ministry of healing, and his opening a door to needy pilgrims in Canada many years ago.



See what's behind the red doors of the Downtown Chapel at [www.downtownchapel.org](http://www.downtownchapel.org)

*As a community of lay people as well as religious, we strive to come not just as servants but as neighbors to the poor and disenfranchised ...*



Volunteers prepare for greeting the day's guests.

The Congregation of Holy Cross has served the Downtown Chapel since the mid- 1980's. Now under the leadership of Rev. Robert Loughery, CSC, Pastor, the parish has created "Open Door Ministries," serving the homeless, addicted and suffering. Everyday, volunteers from local schools including the University of Portland, and from many other parishes, offer services of companionship, clothing, help with the co-pay for the Oregon health plan, emergency travel, blankets, hygiene, a place to create art and music, haircuts and a foot clinic. Every afternoon, people

gather to read the newspapers and discuss their viewpoints, to watch a movie, or come to receive a bag of food for the month. The Brother Andre Café feeds our guests on Friday nights.

*to be with them and of them.*

The Brother Andre Institute is a new ministry which bridges our prayer and service into forum of education and retreats. I co-direct the Institute, inviting those who are becoming Catholic to series of retreats at the Downtown Chapel. Education is part of the mission of Holy Cross and this is a forum to educate people about the suffering and the call to justice and service in the Church. We are developing this ministry to include high school students and graduate students in the area who desire to serve the poor.

*For it is through this work that we encounter Christ and come closer to bringing about the kingdom of God. (adapted from the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross).*