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From the Provincial Superior

My dear friends in Christ,

In the past few issues of Pillars, we've focused on ministries and priorities of the United States Province, including our international missions, our stewardship and finances, and the education and formation of our seminarians. Each of these are pillars of our charism and apostolic focus.

In this issue, we're giving attention to one of our most fundamental and traditional charisms, our ministry in parishes. Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, recognized parish ministry as a means of revitalizing the devastated Church in France, reaching the neglected faithful through parish missions to catechize, pray and rekindle their faith. His own passion, vision and efforts would contribute to the eventual establishment of the Congregation as he assembled a group of auxiliary priests who would serve as substitutes and occasional helpers in parishes and would eventually become the first members of the Congregation.

I do believe there are distinct characteristics of a parish with a Holy Cross presence, distinguishing it from other parish communities, not better, necessarily, but uniquely different. Each of these characteristics flow from our founder and are instilled in the hearts and minds of each of our religious and thus shared through his active ministry.

Among the key attributes of a Holy Cross parish are *family*, *hospitality*, *zeal* and *action*.

Blessed Moreau's vision for Holy Cross was modeled on the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – and our religious typically live together and share common work, meals, prayer and leisure. We can't help but bring our *family* to the broader communities in which we work.

Hospitality, a sincere attitude of welcome, is characteristic of Holy Cross communities everywhere and particularly in our parishes. We make intentional efforts to welcome newcomers, to greet our students before the start of each school day, to make our parish councils collaborative and in opening our homes, our family and our lives to the parish.

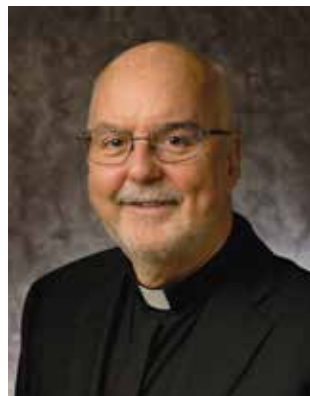
Among the most distinguished charisms gifted our community by Blessed Moreau is *zeal* for making God known, loved and served and our zeal is evident in our preaching, our commitment of time to our parish schools and parish ministries, our care for our parishioners and their needs and the enthusiasm and passion with which we undertake our work.

Lastly, we are men of *action*. When we see a need or identify opportunities for service, we analyze, plan, involve others and act, and we do this with optimism, trust and hope. It's how we established our colleges and universities, our foreign missions, our ministry to the poor and many of our parishes.

Individually, each of these attributes have value in a parish community, but when combined and integrated, are special gifts we offer our parish families whether here in the United States or in our parishes overseas.

Our work in parish communities, as with all of our ministries, is possible in one way or another through the generosity and prayers of our friends and donors, so I thank you for your role in our mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you and your family, and may God bless the Congregation of Holy Cross.



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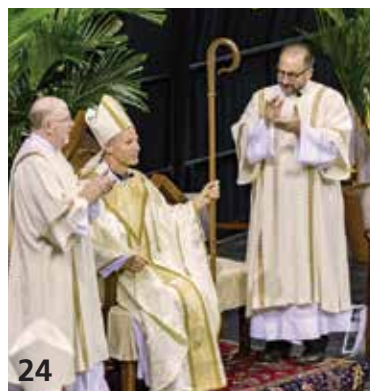
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A Brief History of Holy Cross in *Parish Ministry*

By Fr. Frank Quinlivan, C.S.C.

Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was a priest of the diocese of LeMans in France and a seminary professor. In the aftermath of the French Revolution, when the Church and religious activity was so terribly persecuted, religious teaching, Sacramental preparation, and simple devotions had basically ceased. Fr. Moreau took up a ministry of preaching parish missions, spending a period of time in a parish instructing, teaching, leading prayers and devotions. It was meant to be a spiritual renewal for the people, a reawakening of their faith and their Sacramental and prayer life.

He gathered a few young priests, some his former seminary students, to join him in this work, thus being able to reach more people. This group of diocesan priests formed community and eventually became the first priests of Holy Cross. They joined together with a larger group of brothers, then called the Brothers of Saint Joseph. This group had been founded 17 years earlier by Fr. James Dujarie to teach in rural parish schools with the goal of bringing religious instruction and education to young people deprived of



*Interior of the mother church,
LeMans, France.*

it by the Revolution. Fr. Dujarie, who was elderly and infirmed, turned direction of the brothers over to Fr. Moreau. The priests and brothers joined and the Congregation of Holy Cross was born. The brothers and priests were soon joined by the first Holy Cross Sisters.

Besides their work in France, teaching in schools and preaching parish renewals, Holy Cross religious were soon going to far-flung mission fields at the request of French missionary Bishops and at the re-

quest of the Vatican. Fr. Moreau always insisted that brothers, sisters and priests would go together and work together. Education was a prime concern but parochial ministry soon became an important ministry for the priests, since there was such great need in these mission areas. Parishes and schools developed side by side.

In South Bend, Indiana, where Holy Cross settled in America, parishes were soon started for the people in the area – St. Joseph's on one side of the river and St. Patrick's on the other.

The influx and the needs of the newly-arriving ethnic, immigrant communities demanded special care. The Polish parishes, the German, Belgian and Hungarian parishes and a parish for the black Catholic community were begun. St. Pius X Parish began at the Congregation's St. Joseph farm to serve the rural farmers of the area. It is now a huge suburban parish. Little Flower parish started when a horse escaped from Notre Dame and was tracked to a poor area near the campus.

A call came from the Archdiocese of Chicago and what was said to be the largest Polish parish in the United States, Holy Trinity, was founded in connection with a school.

Holy Cross served the temporary Hispanic migrant farmworkers when they arrived each year and, as people settled out of the migrant stream as permanent residents, the first Hispanic parish was formed.

A special ministry and parish for Hispanics grew in Coachella, California. The same is true in the Austin, Texas area where parishes were assumed by Holy Cross, especially among the Hispanics in the shadow of Holy Cross' St. Edward's University. In other places parishes were taken where the Congregation



had presence in other ministries, such as in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Burbank, California; Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, Arizona; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Watertown, Wisconsin.

In the East, parishes were taken near other Holy Cross works or at the request of certain dioceses for help. Holy Cross in the United States has also always done a great deal of fill-in help and regular assistance in parishes.

Our colleges and universities are truly large parishes and campus ministry in these institutions is an important work to which much time and effort are given.

In the mission areas of Perú, Chile, East Africa and Bangladesh, a primary concern was parish work and evangelization. The Congregation's option for the poor was very clear. Huge city parishes among the poor were assumed in Lima and in Nairobi. Parishes were taken in Chile and three countries of East Africa among the poor, often in remote areas. Again, we often see the parish work connected with educational ministry.

In Bangladesh, Holy Cross staffs a total of thirteen parishes, nine of which are serving poor tribal peoples. There are eight dioceses in Bangladesh and Holy Cross has parishes in seven of them. The tribal parishes are often in remote areas and the people are marginalized in society.

Does Holy Cross do parish ministry? Yes, and Fr. Moreau would surely be pleased to see his Congregation, in its 180th year, doing parochial work in the way

it does and where it does. Fr. Moreau cared for the spiritual and pastoral life of the people and he had a special love and concern for the poor and struggling people. After he retired from leadership of the Congregation, he returned to preaching parish missions and he was engaged in this ministry until he died.

Fr. Moreau burned with zeal to see the Gospel preached and to enter the lives of people. Parish ministry is surely a primary way in which this is done. Holy Cross, in many places in the world, brings the same zeal to this work.

Holy Cross is a Congregation that goes where the need is and does many kinds of ministry in response to those needs. We take on difficult works. Holy Cross has a good reputation for how we do parish work and for where we do it, so often among the poor.

Fr. Moreau was a well-known and sought-after preacher. Holy Cross is also said to preach in an effective way, something we learn from one another and, perhaps, inherited from him.

The mark made on the local Church by Holy Trinity in Chicago, Sacred Heart in New Orleans, Dolores in Austin, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Brooklyn, St. Joseph in South Bend, The Downtown Chapel in Portland, Holy Cross Dandora in Nairobi, Lord of Hope in Canto Grande in Lima, Perú and in so many parishes in so many other places, in the past and to the present, is so significant and something Holy Cross can be very proud of. ✠



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New Assignment. New Opportunity. New Blessing.

Reflections on the Life of a Parish Priest

BY REV. TOM JONES, C.S.C.



A New Beginning

It was mid-August. When I got off the plane in Austin, Texas, it was hot, very hot! I had arrived for my new assignment as “*parochial vicar*” at St. Ignatius Parish, in Austin, Texas. “*Parochial vicar*” is a “fancy” name for someone who does what the pastor of the parish asks him to do. The beloved pastor, Father Bill Wack, C.S.C., had recently been named by Pope Francis the Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Bishop-elect (now Bishop) Wack had left the parish, and someone was needed to fill in, covering Masses, weddings, funerals, hospital visits, and parish elementary school visits to the classrooms. Bishop Bill was revered as a pastor. It is never easy to follow a success.

However, I had never been to Texas before, so I was excited to work in a new place. But I was also nervous. The administrator of the parish was less than half my age and ordained a priest one year and four months. The seminarian who would also be living at St. Ignatius for the year was about the same age as the parish administrator. I felt like an unwed grandfather! On the plane ride down to Austin I asked myself: *Will I make new friends? Will the folks in Texas like a “gringo” from Indiana? How will I like being an “associate pastor” after having been in charge as pastor in three different parishes? I had been giving orders for over 32 years. How will I like being on the receiving end?*

After I got my bags and went outside the terminal to look for my ride to the priests’ residence, I was immediately struck by how hot it was in Texas – 100+ degrees. If someone had asked me where Austin was located, I would have said: “*Oh, about 10 miles north of purgatory!*”

A young gentleman, Juan, met me outside the arrival terminal and introduced himself, welcoming me to Texas. Juan was genuinely friendly and had a big smile. He made me feel comfortable and at home in strange, hot, surroundings. On the way to the rectory, Juan talked a little about himself and mentioned to me that he was in charge of maintenance at the parish. I have always admired people who work in maintenance. They are the ones who keep the plant going so that ministry has a place to happen, and fix it when things are not working. Juan and I bonded quickly. I wanted to get to know him better and through him, get to learn about the parish, especially the Hispanic community at St. Ignatius.

After a good night’s rest, the Administrator of the parish, Father Dennis Strach, C.S.C., took me with him on a sick call to the nearby hospital, Saint David’s Hospital South. (It is important to know how to get to the hospital because we

are on call at the hospital the last week of each month.) A parishioner was very sick with an infection, so we had to don gowns, gloves, and masks before going in. Father Dennis gave the lady the Sacrament of the Sick. His soft and gentle style was comforting to her and her daughter, also present. Never doubt the power of prayer. About two weeks later, the lady who had been so sick at Saint David’s Hospital was at Mass and saw me afterwards in the vestibule of the church and thanked me (and Father Dennis) for stopping by and praying with her. I was just in the room, giving the responses, and lifting her up in prayer to the Lord for healing. Now she seemed to be healed. I liked to think Jesus would have said to her: “*Daughter, your faith has saved you.*” (Matthew 8:48) Now she is doing well, Praise God!

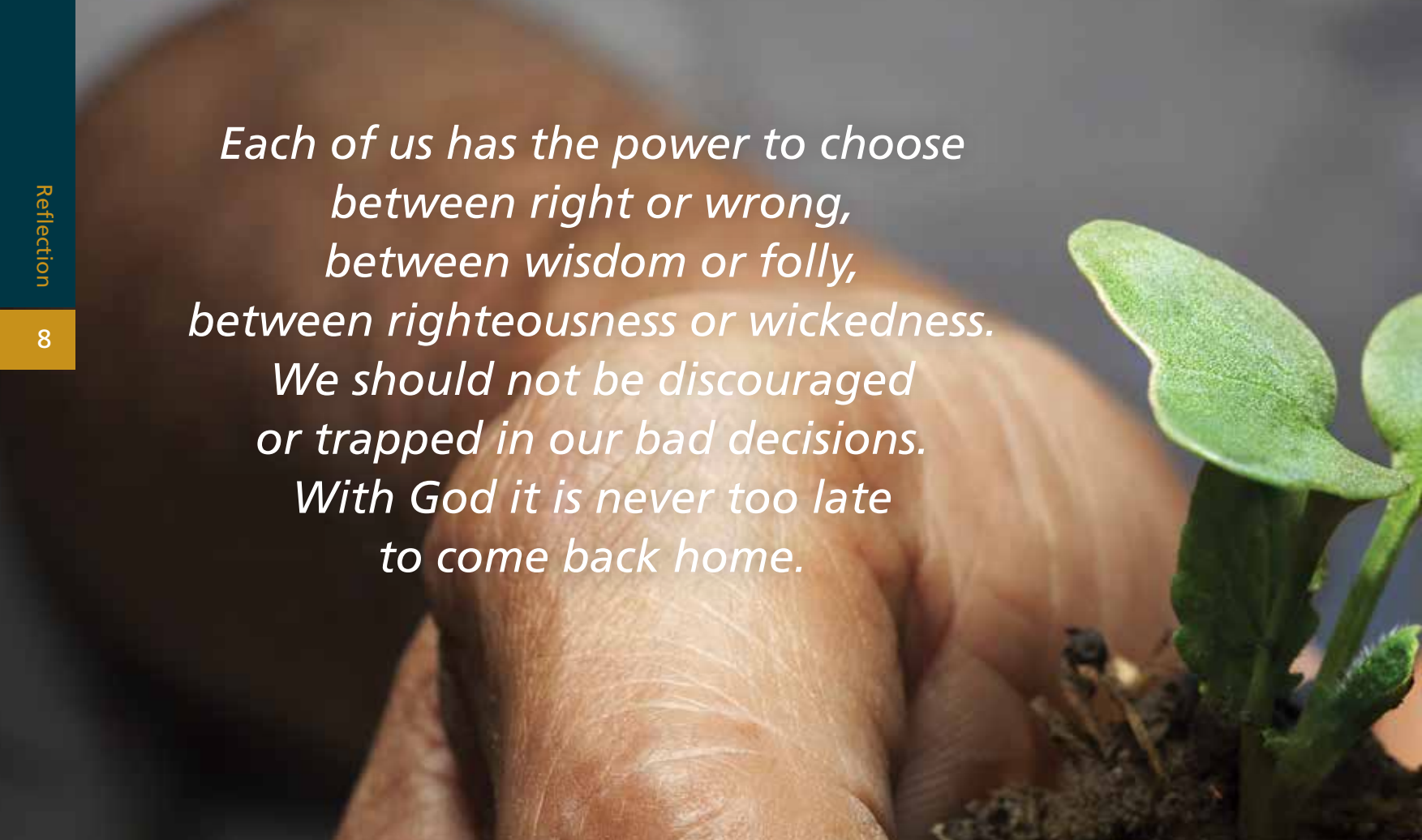
The Love of Christ: Loving Everyone

On my second full day in the parish, I had a funeral service for a lady I had never met. Sometimes we have funerals for people we do not know. The funeral home picked me up early so I could go over and talk with the grown children about their mom. Funerals are, of course, more important for the family of the deceased, than the deceased. It is not easy to cope with the loss of a loved one. Family members are often confused and sad, and in need of someone to reassure them that it is all right to feel the way they are feeling. Grief is a good thing. We grieve because we love, and love is the only thing we take with us when we die. All the bonds of love which hold our lives together are not lost in death. God does not take life. Rather, God receives us when we die and welcomes us home. Our loved ones are not lost. We know where they are. And they want to help us, who remain, get there, too, so that “. . . where I am, you also may be.” (John 14:3)

If the purpose of life is to all be together with God, then the passing on of our loved ones is simply the first stage of the journey we all will take one day. As little children riding in the car during a long drive, we may have asked: “*Are we there yet?*” “*Yes,*” our loved one answers; “*I have arrived at God’s house, and one day you will be here with me.*”

On the way to the cemetery after the funeral service, I rode in the hearse. The driver was a Protestant minister. When ministers get together, they usually talk shop, and so we did. We shared stories and experiences, and then started talking about what priests and ministers need in order to do the Lord’s work. The hearse driver, let’s call him “*Joe,*” said that when he first started ministry he was told by his senior pastor

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that “You need to love everybody and you need to make them feel that there is no other place you would rather be than with them right now.” Joe’s words reminded me of something Bishop William McManus said many years ago to us parish priests: “If you are going to do parish ministry, then you have to love people — all the people: the good, the bad, and the ugly!” These words of Joe and Bishop McManus have special meaning for me as I begin a new assignment in a different part of the country. I may not like everybody I meet, but I do want to love them.

Near San Antonio, Texas, there are four old Franciscan missions only a few miles apart. When they were built, the mission fields got their water from *acequias* (a-SAY-kee-us) “ditches” or “canals” which carried water from the nearby San Antonio River to each mission farm. These acequias are still working today, bringing fresh water to the fields after 300 years! This image helps me understand why it is important for priests to love their people because folks often look at their priests as “conduits” or “channels” of God’s love. When the priest smiles at them, then God is smiling on them. When the priest compliments them on some good deed,

then God is affirming them. When the priests blesses them in God’s name, then God Himself blesses them and makes them feel whole. It’s not about me, or what I want or how I feel. It’s about the people, and how God wants to show them His love through the physical presence and demeanor of the priest. If the priest is to have “the smell of the sheep,” it is also true that the “sheep” want to have the “smell of the Good Shepherd” which comes to them through the medium of the priest, for better or worse.

Preaching the Word

What do I most enjoy about being a priest? I would have to say preaching the Word each Sunday. We live in such a visual world today with iPhones, iPads, tablets, computers and social media. However, preaching is that “old fashioned” one-on-one encounter with the word of God in human words. The “preacher” or homilist must first “preach to himself.” What is the text saying, yes, but more importantly, what is the text saying to ME? What does God want ME to hear this week? I try to put that message into a simple declarative sentence. Let me use an example.



On the first Sunday of October last fall, we celebrated the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, cycle A. The first reading was from the Prophet Ezekiel (18:25-38): *"If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."* The Gospel was from Matthew 21:28-32, *"A man had two sons. . ."* This is the Gospel story about a father asking his two sons to go out and work in the vineyard. One says *"No, I won't go,"* but later regrets his hasty answer, and eventually goes out and works. The other son says *"Yes, I will go,"* but then does not go out to work. Jesus asks: *"Which of the two did the father's will?"*

I let these readings perk in my head overnight, sometimes for two nights. Then I write out my *"good news"* sentence. For this Twenty-Sixth Sunday, my *"good news"* sentence was: *"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."* Trying to develop this idea into a homily requires images or stories so that the listener can be creatively involved in the preaching. Now the fun begins.

The *"father"* in Jesus' story is unlike any father I know, including my own. If I said to my Dad: *"No, I will not pluck grapes. No, I will not pick potatoes!*

No, I will not take out the trash, wash the car or mow the lawn!" I would not have been able to sit down for a week! However, the father in the Gospel story does something very strange. He simply walks away. WALKS AWAY? How can he just "walk away?"

Another example. A child at the dinner table pushes the peas off his plate, the mashed potatoes on the floor, and puts Jello in his hair. When Dad tries to coax Jason to eat his food and not play with it, Jason just smiles and says *"NO!"* Dad is at a loss, but mom has a better idea! Mom comes over, picks up the plate and puts it into the refrigerator. *"He will eat it when he is good and hungry!"* Time is on mom's side. Cold meatloaf tastes good when you are hungry! When kids test their limits, sometimes it is better for parents to step back a bit, just enough for the young person to grasp a bit of wisdom from the consequences of a bad decision.

"The Lord's way is not fair?" (Ezekiel 18:25) Hardly! Each of us has the power to choose between right or wrong, between wisdom or folly, between righteousness or wickedness. We should not be discouraged or trapped in our bad decisions. With God it is never too late to come back home.

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The “left overs” are still in the fridge – cold, but still there for me when I am ready to eat!

I can’t begin to count how many times I have said “No” to God in small ways and in some “big” ways – bad choices, neglected opportunities, my own ego and comfort ahead of God’s will. But like the first son in the Gospel story, I can change my mind and reconsider God’s call to holiness. The overwhelming grace is that God’s love continues to invite me into the Kingdom. God does not give up on me and does not give up on us! Grace is God’s power in each of us to change for the better — and that’s “good news.”

Over the past 45 years, my style of preaching has changed. I have moved from sermons about Church teaching to homilies about “*how can this scripture text help me find God in the craziness of my daily life?*” Life is not about information. I have more information than I could ever use. Life is not about gigabyte capacity: the more capacity, the better off you are. We all have more “gigs,” but are we really better off?

In Jesus’ preaching we see images and stories rather than information and facts. In my conversations I hear more and more people talk about life using the image of journey together. The journey image brings to mind a comment St. Therese of Lisieux once made: “*The earth is your boat, not your home.*” A popular song sometimes used at Mass says: “*We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load*” (*The Servant Song*, by Richard Gillard of New Zealand). Images and stories help us see a world beyond politics, tax cuts and tweets. Preaching helps us know God’s promise and be able to see how that promise is enfleshed in daily life. Preaching should highlight how God always delivers on his promises. Good preaching enables us all to own the vision; to “stand on the hilltop top and see the promised land where all God’s children have shoes, and all have a place at the table of plenty.”

Being Mary and Martha

It was a cool, sunny, October morning in Austin, a welcome 62 degrees! The Gospel for the morning Mass was the story of Martha and Mary from the tenth chapter of Saint Luke’s Gospel.

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Jesus came over for a meal at their home and Mary sat at his feet while her sister Martha was working all day in the kitchen. Martha, with a bit of frustration in her tone, asks Jesus to encourage her sister Mary come to help in the kitchen. *"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."* *"Martha, Martha,"* Jesus says. *"You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken away from her."* After Mass I walked over to the parish Food Pantry where transients and homeless folks come four days a week for food to take home to their families. The local grocery store chain across the street gives us substantial quantities of perishables; vegetables, fruit, bread, milk, eggs, desserts and assorted candies. One of the Food Pantry volunteer's job that day was to package the vegetables and fruit and candy into small packs for the patrons to take home.

I noticed this one volunteer working quietly taking candy from large bags and putting it into smaller plastic bags. She must have done 30 - 40 bags already and was working fast to keep up with the demand. We talked as she sorted. She smiled as she told me she comes in often and works for a few hours to help. She said she didn't do much, but she enjoyed the little that she did to help someone with greater need. I asked her "What is your name?" *"Maria,"* she replied. I said *"Oh, Mary."* *"Yes, Mary,"* she said.

"Wow," I said to myself. I remembered the morning Mass Gospel. Here is *"Mary"* doing the work of *"Martha!"* That's what the Martha and Mary story is all about! It's not either/or but both. There needs to be a little of Martha AND Mary in each of us. You can't be fully active without being partially contemplative. And you can't be fully contemplative without also being partially active. I am always amazed and grateful that ordinary people leading ordinary lives teach me the deeper meaning of what Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

I often wonder *"Where has all the time gone?"* That's a good thing, I believe, because it means I am enjoying what I do and who I am. Time always goes fast when you are happy!

On Being a Priest

I have the best job in the world. The People of God pay me to pray. They pay me to read scripture and meditate. They pay me to say to someone just coming back into the Church, *"I absolve you from your sins . . ."* They pay me to hold the hand of a dying, unconscious lady I have just anointed and gently whisper in her ear: *"Remember all of us gathered with you right now when you come into the Kingdom."* I am paid to say the words of Jesus over bread and wine which are transformed into his Body and Blood. They give me a salary to bring little children and adults into God's family by water and the Holy Spirit. What the priest does is not for the priest. Priests don't get an award for how many Masses we have said or how many confessions we have heard. We do receive, however, the satisfaction that someone's life has changed for the better, and in some small way, we have been part of that transformation.

It pains me to know that some priests have betrayed their trust and caused grave harm to children and adults. I pray for the victims whose lives have been broken. May God heal them and make them whole again. I pray also for the perpetrators of these heinous crimes. May God have mercy on them and keep them from harming others.

However, my joy has been living and working with hundreds of good and holy priests and religious over the years. Priests are sinners like everyone else. When Pope Francis was asked by a reporter a few days after his election to describe himself since his election, his response was a "surprise" to most people, the Pope said: *"I am first of all a sinner."* Wow! I have never heard a Pope say that before!

We priests, and the Pope, too, need to go to confession just like everyone else. I have had to ask forgiveness for the hurt I have caused by *"what I have done, or what I have failed to do."* Nonetheless, there is a special place in the heart of Jesus for the sinner, and I like to think I am near the front of the line to get in. To paraphrase Saint Therese of Lisieux, if the earth has been *"my boat, not my home,"* then I have been traveling *"first class"* all these years. There is still room on the boat! Come, join me, and follow Him. ✠



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Congregation of Holy Cross

United States and Mexico Parishes

The first Holy Cross priests were recruited by Blessed Basil Moreau to preach parish missions and assist diocesan clergy in the French countryside. After Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., crossed the Atlantic and settled in Northern Indiana, he ventured out on horseback as a circuit rider to celebrate Mass and the sacraments for Catholics who rarely saw a priest. Eventually, he founded a number of parishes in the area. The United States Province staffs 13 parishes in the United States and one in México, focusing the Congregation's resources on parishes with schools and those that serve the poor. We also provide parish assistance in diocesan parishes throughout the U.S., offering a vital service to the greater Catholic Church. Here's a bit about each parish we administer.



St. John Vianney Parish and Catholic School, Goodyear, Arizona

Established: 1981

Current Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. Eckert, C.S.C.

Households: 4,000

Ministries: St. John Vianney Catholic School
(serves children in preschool through eighth grade)

Website: sjvaz.net and sjvazschool.net

The mission of St. John Vianney Catholic School is to fulfill Holy Cross founder Blessed Moreau's vision of educating both minds and hearts by setting high academic standards and embracing the call to serve. The parish offers Masses in English and in Spanish, as well as a Sunday Mass for bilingual parishioners.



Tri-Community Catholic Parish of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Established: 1984

Current Pastor: Rev. Ronald Raab, C.S.C.

Households: 2,000

Ministries: Liturgical, pastoral, food pantry, Lord's Dinner meal kitchen, Faith and Light activities for the developmentally disabled, Knights of Columbus, Women's Auxiliary

Website: tricomunity.org

The Tri-Community Catholic Parish of Colorado Springs includes three churches — Sacred Heart on the west side of Colorado Springs, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Manitou Springs and Holy Rosary Chapel in the lower part of Ute Mountain Pass — operating as one community. The pastoral services are provided by one Holy Cross pastoral team, although each of the churches has its own schedule of Sunday Masses and its own distinct "flavor" to its worship and community interaction.



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Viera, Florida

Established: 2001

Current Pastor: Rev. R. Bradley Beaupré, C.S.C.

Households: 2400

Ministries: Scripture study group, Rite of Christian Initiation, (a group that gathers to deepen their faith by applying the Sunday liturgy to their daily lives), and a study group that applies biblical principles to help people achieve financial freedom, social, youth and community outreach, and several faith formation programs.

Website: stjohnviera.org

It all began in 1987, when the Diocese of Orlando purchased twenty acres for a future church in Viera. About eight years later, the pastor of Ascension Church determined that the facilities and priests at Ascension would be overburdened by nearby home developments. A committee conducted a survey to discover how many people would leave Ascension if a new church was built on Murrell Road. Roughly 600 families said they would make the switch, and 250 from St. Mary's in Rockledge concurred. Six years later, early in 2001, the Congregation of Holy Cross approached the Orlando Diocese and offered to provide priests to start a new parish. As the Murrell Road property remained available, Holy Cross assigned Father Laurence M. Olszewski, C.S.C., as pastor and Father Robert A. Wiseman, C.S.C., as associate pastor to establish a new parish, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Community. The new parish began with about 300 families.



Sacred Heart Parish Notre Dame, Indiana

Established: Located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Sacred Heart Parish is the oldest, continuous parish founded and staffed by the Congregation of Holy Cross. The parish was started with the University of Notre Dame in late November of 1842 by Holy Cross priests and brothers, led by the Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C.

Current Pastor: Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

Households: 500

Ministries: The parish's Social Justice Ministry seeks to live out the Gospel message to respect human life and dignity and to work for justice and peace. The ministry includes Center for Peace and Non-Violence, Habitat for Humanity, a neighborhood food pantry, a community rescue mission and a refugee program.

Website: sacredheartparish.nd.edu

Parish liturgies are held daily in the Crypt of Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Basilica. The Sacred Heart Parish Center, built in 1919 as the college seminary, now offers dining facilities that can accommodate up to 200 people, a large meeting room that can be divided into two rooms, six small meeting rooms, 58 dorm-style bedrooms and a nursery.

St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, Indiana

Established: Although the current church was erected in 1965, South Bend's St. Joseph Parish possesses a rich history dating all the way back to 1853 when Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., founder of the University of Notre Dame, established St. Joseph, originally called St. Alexis Chapel.

Current Pastor: Rev. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C.

Households: 950

Ministries: Saint Joseph Preschool, Saint Joseph Grade School

Website: www.stjoeparish.com

The parish is South Bend's oldest Catholic worship community and its St. Joseph Grade School was founded one year after the parish and thus is the oldest, continuously operating school in the city of South Bend. In 2011, it was named a National Blue Ribbon School. The focus of the parish and the school is not on the past, but on each new day's opportunities to give witness to the conviction that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Parishioners refer to St. Joseph Parish simply as "St. Joe." This choice of name reflects the loving familiarity with which members regard their parish and each other.



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Holy Cross Parish

Established: 1929 to serve the west side of South Bend.

Current Pastor: Rev. Vincent Coppola, C.S.C.

Households: 488

Ministries: Holy Cross School (established in 1929 and one of the oldest Catholic elementary schools in Indiana), offers Pre-school and K-8, annual "Simple Living" raffle to raise money for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, fundraisers for St. Margaret's House, a day center that improves the lives of poverty stricken women, and "Theology on Tap," which offers food, fellowship and faith to parishioners in their 20s and 30s.

Website: www.hcssparish.org/

St. Adalbert/St. Casimir Parish, South Bend, Indiana

Established: St. Adalbert Parish and St. Casimir Parish were both founded by Polish-Americans – St. Casimir in 1899 and St. Adalbert in 1910. In 2003, the two parishes were united under one pastoral team staffed by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Current Pastor: Fr. Paul Ybarra, C.S.C.

Households: 836/193

Ministries: Saint Adalbert Catholic School (a University of Notre Dame Magnificat School), offers Pre-Kindergarten and K-8, many fundraising events, Right-to-Life Dinner, twice-weekly, after-school tutoring by students from the University of Notre Dame at St. Casimir, youth and senior groups, citizenship and English classes, Saturday and Sunday Spanish Masses.

Website: stadalbertparish.org and www.stadalbertparish.org/st-casimir.html

These are very culturally diverse parishes offering Masses in Spanish, as well as English. St. Adalbert even offers a Mass in Polish.



Christ the King Catholic Church South Bend, Indiana

Established: Founded in 1933 to serve the area just north of South Bend. Classes began at Christ the King School in 1953, with the original school building opening in 1955.

Current Pastor: Rev. Steve Lacroix, C.S.C.

Households: Over 1400 registered families and 500 students

Ministries: Christ the King School (pre-K through eighth grade), Religious Education Program

Website: christthekingonline.com and school.christthekingonline.com



The story of Christ the King Parish in South Bend began when the Diocese of Fort Wayne recognized the need to build a new parish to serve the growing population north of the city. In December 1927, Fr. Edward Finnegan, C.S.C., began raising the \$6500 needed to purchase the land that would eventually become Christ the King. Ground was broken on the church building in October 1934. Members of the parish helped, and many of the hired workers volunteered to be paid every other day to offset the cost of the construction. In 1950, Christ the King joined with St. Joseph Farm Parish (now St. Pius X), Little Flower and the Sisters of the Holy Cross to establish the Campus School at St. Mary's College. This school quickly became overcrowded, and Christ the King commenced plans to begin a parish school. A new school building was opened in 1955. While the present church structure was dedicated in 1961, the parish and school continued to grow, necessitating renovations in the 1980s and again in 1997 and 2001.

Holy Cross Parish South Easton, Massachusetts

Established: Holy Cross Parish was founded in 1966 and is staffed by the Congregation of Holy Cross priests and Brothers. It was established as a parish by Bishop James L. Connolly on April 24, 1966.

Current Pastor: Rev. Brad Metz, C.S.C.

Households: 1,300

Ministries: Holy Cross Parish has many programs, including: Forever Young (which brings seniors of the parish community together for fellowship and enjoyment of each other's company), Friends in Faith (which encourages fellowship, social interaction and spirituality among divorced, widowed, separated and single parishioners 40 years of age and older), Social Action Commission (which coordinates all the parish's outreach programs, including Birthright, Louison Shelter, MainSpring House, My Brother's Keeper and Womansplace Shelter), and God's Squad (which is composed of those men, women and teens who have assumed responsibility for the maintenance of Holy Cross Parish).

Website: www.holycrosseaston.org



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Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Portland, Oregon

Established: Created by Archbishop Alexander Christie on Aug. 13, 1906. A combination church/school/hall was erected in 1907. In 1927, Archbishop Edward Howard dedicated the current church which Holy Cross assumed in 2002. Holy Redeemer Catholic Church offers Sunday Masses in both English and Spanish.

Current Interim Pastor: Rev. Tom Jones, C.S.C.

Households: 862

Ministries: Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Pre-school and K-8 (established in 2002)

Website: www.holyredeemerpx.org and school.holyredeemerpx.org/



Saint André Bessette Catholic Church Portland, Oregon

Established: Saint André Bessette Catholic Church — formerly known as the Downtown Chapel — is a Roman Catholic parish in the heart of Old Town Portland, sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross since 1989.

Current Pastor: Rev. John Patrick Riley, C.S.C.

Households: Providing pastoral care to 100 families, and more than 120 individuals in the area.

Ministries: Dedicated to serving those experiencing poverty and homelessness, the parish's community programs — hospitality center, food pantry and the Br. Andre Café — are dynamic expressions of faith in action.

Website: saintandrechurch.org



St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church Austin, Texas

Established: Founded by Holy Cross' Rev. Patrick Duffy, C.S.C., in 1938. The church offers both English and Spanish Masses, as well as a Sunday Mass interpreted for the deaf and a Sunday Life Teen Mass.

Current Pastor: Rev. John Dougherty, C.S.C.

Households: 3,500

Ministries: The church participates in the Capital IDEA program, which assists low-income individuals with education to help break the cycle of poverty. The parish also works with Austin Interfaith, which advocates for the poor. Additionally, St. Ignatius offers the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreat. St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic School, offering Pre K-3, Pre K-4 and K-8, has also been developing curious minds, compassionate hearts and committed lives since 1940.

Website: www.st-ignatius.org



Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Parish
Bennington, Vermont and
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
North Bennington, Vermont

Established: Both Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church, in Bennington, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, in North Bennington, are served by the same Holy Cross pastoral team. Dating back to 1854, Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales was the first Catholic church in southern Vermont. Although St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was founded in 1885 by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, documented history indicates that priests from Rutland provided the Sacramental needs of the people in North Bennington and nearby Shaftsbury as early as 1854. The present church was dedicated in 1928. The parish has had a Holy Cross pastor since 2008.

Current Pastor: Rev. Robert Wiseman, C.S.C.

Households: 865/437

Ministries: Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales offers Mercy Meals, a program in which parishioners make and deliver healthy meals to parish families caring for a sick family member. The School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales includes grades pre-K through eighth grade.

Website: sacredheartsaintfrancis.org and sjtbcc-vt.org/index.html



Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz
Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, México

Established: 1996

Current Pastor: Rev. Alfredo Olvera Ledezma, C.S.C.

Households: 9,000

Ministries: Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz is located in the Archdiocese of Monterrey in Northern México. It is a very poor parish of 45,000 Catholics that is divided into five different areas called "Chapels." Each Chapel has its own Liturgies, Catechism Programs, Social Concerns Outreach and Chapel Councils. Since México is a country with more than 50 percent of its population under 16 years of age, La Luz Parish has many activities for children and young people. For example, there are hundreds of children in weekend programs as well as 20 youth groups and choirs in the parish. Also, the Holy Cross Seminarians do a lot of pastoral ministry in La Luz Parish.



A Missionary Reflects on Parish Ministry



Having spent 50 years in Uganda, serving in parishes where the Batoro, the Bakonjo, the Bakija, the Bafumbiro, and the Banyarwanda lived, and 44 of those years as a pastor, I am writing a reflection on my pastoral ministry. During some of those years, the country was in turmoil, some of those years we did not have enough personnel. Some of those years were filled with joy and happiness, some of those years were filled with sadness and sorrow. The cross and the resurrection over and over.

My story, though, is one of success for the missionary efforts of many men and women who gave their best to build a church in this part of Africa. Holy Cross came to Uganda with four priests, Fr. Vincent McCauley, C.S.C., (who was to become the first bishop of the Fort Portal Catholic Diocese), Fr. Bob Hesse, C.S.C., Fr. Burton Smith, C.S.C., and Fr. Frank Zagorc, C.S.C. They built upon a foundation of the faith that the missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) had brought to the people. The success part of the story is that, where there was one diocese, now there are three. Where there were only a handful of indigenous clergy, there are about 300, with many more to come as the national seminaries are full. In our Holy Cross community, that almost left Uganda in the 1970s, we have over 50 indigenous finally professed brothers and priests. There

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are eighty young men in the various steps of formation. The District of East Africa has several parishes in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda, senior secondary schools, technical and primary schools, health centers and a very vibrant family rosary ministry. Some members are engaged in the healing and deliverance ministries, and other members teach in higher institutions, and others are studying for higher degrees.

Looking back at my own ministry, I understood a bit of what has taken place. In my first years, I visited many homes, not only to learn the language but to learn about the people, their customs, their family life, their problems, their struggles, and their belief and faith. I have witnessed great faith and their love for Jesus and the Church. I have also witnessed the dark side, the evil of unwanted spirits in their families. I have been involved in the healing of the family and in the deliverance of unwanted spirits for the whole Diocese of Fort Portal. This ministry sometimes can bring stress but also brings joy.

In fifty years of ministry, what has been the most significant change that I have experienced with the people? One simple answer for me is faith. Faith has deepened into their lives and the Holy Spirit has entered their prayer life in so many ways. Some of the church communities, apostolic groups, youth groups, and schools, are very active in the parish. The parish is organized. Lay men and women are very active in their own charisms of ministry. Catechists who lead the church communities in worship, prayers, catechizing, burying the dead, are better trained than before. Many educated men and women are taking responsibility in the councils of the laity not only in the outstations, but in the sub-parishes and the parish. Parishes are working hard to promote better families. More families believe in educating their children. People and churches are involved in money-making projects. Some have planted cash crops such as tea and coffee and trees. Some invest in animals, like goats, cattle, chickens and pigs. People are building brick houses (we call them permanent structures). In short, besides the spiritual elements of faith, many people

are involved in the development of their property and education of their children. One of my own contributions has been to sponsor students in their education, both in senior and university level. For the youth, I have always promoted sports, especially the game of soccer. I have constructed soccer fields, sponsored referee courses, trained the very young with soccer camps and supported local teams. All the building of churches, schools, promoting the youth, holding retreats and seminars, purchasing school and church land, educating the poor, helping other priests, seminarians and religious, would not have been possible without the help of many benefactors. I thank God every day for anyone who has prayed for us or has donated any money to assist us in our missions. The missions is a success story. It doesn't mean that the work has finished. The poor and the uneducated are still there. Until all the people have reached a certain level of education and can help themselves, assistance will be needed. Supporting the development of the schools that Holy Cross serves is a great investment for the future of our missions. Continued assistance for our parishes, helps the parish to educate all the apostolate groups that spread the Word of God. God bless all who pray for us and assist our mission. ✠



Rev. Richard Potthast, C.S.C., professed his First Vows in 1959 and was ordained in 1967. Shortly after his ordination, Fr. Dick was sent to Uganda where he has served faithfully ever since. His primary ministry has been in a parish setting. Along with his Sacramental ministry, he has been involved in building churches, schools, soccer fields and farms.

Congregation of Holy Cross, US Province

International Parishes

EAST AFRICA



St. Jude Taddeo Kyarusoji Catholic Parish Kyenjojo District, Uganda

Established: Kyarusoji, formally a sub-parish of the second oldest parish of the Fort Portal Catholic Diocese, Butiiti, was established in September of 1994 by the Holy Cross Congregation of East Africa. The pioneer members were Fr. Richard Potthast, C.S.C., Rev. Mr. James Burasa, C.S.C., Br. Gerard Suddick, C.S.C., and Br. Cleofas Kyomuhendo, C.S.C. From the establishment of the parish until the end of May of 2017 Fr. Potthast was the parish priest.

Current Pastor: Rev. Francis Mukasa, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: The parish has 33 Churches, with a Catholic population of thirty thousand. There are over 150 small Christian communities within the parish.

Ministries: Within the parish there are many Catholic founded primary schools, a secondary school St. Joseph Hill, that was taken over as a district commitment, and a Vocational Training School. Sisters of the Holy Cross have a nursery and primary school called Moreau and a health center at Kirinda, Kyembogo.

Holy Cross Parish Bugembe Community, Jinja, Uganda

Established: 1992

Current Pastor: Rev. Vicent Mbusa, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: The parish is located in Bugembe, a densely populated area characterized by a slum, with the majority of the residents being urban poor who survive on informal, casual employment or petty trade within the area. The majority of the families live as bedsitters, the adults are preoccupied with survival more so than childrearing. Bugembe is composed of four other church centers and these include, Bugembe, Wanyange, Buwekula and Kalungami.

Ministries: The parish has four primary schools one of which is now government aided in the Kalungami center. These schools are located in each of the four church centers. These are St. Jude Primary School - Buwekula, St. Andrews Primary School - Wanyange, St. Luke Primary School - Bugembe and Kalungami Primary School. Each school serves a diverse community which has much need and desire for education. The parish also has a clinic serving patients with HIV/AIDS.

The Parish Clinic, operated by Holy Cross Parish in Bugembe, has in recent times seen an increase in longevity of their patients. Such an increase means the clinic, which serves HIV positive patients, is working because people are continuing to fight the virus and return for continued treatment.





Holy Cross Parish Dandora Community, Nairobi, Kenya

Established: 1978

Current Interim Pastor: Rev. Constantine Changwe, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: The Dandora Community in the northeast area of Nairobi, home to more than a quarter million people, most of whom are poor.

Ministries: Holy Cross Parish (Dandora Community, northeast of Nairobi) sponsors the Boma Rescue Center, where children can both play and learn; a health clinic; a volunteer counseling and testing center; and a sewing school. The church also provides food and clothing for local residents and helps to rebuild homes of the elderly.

It is an oasis of peace, hope, spiritual support and fellowship in a community plagued by poverty, high unemployment, violence and some of the worst levels of pollution in the world. The parish campus is a dynamic gathering place for students, small faith communities, choirs and other community groups.

St. Brendan Parish Kitete, Tanzania

Established: 1964 by the Pallotine Fathers; Assumed by Holy Cross in 2000

Current Pastor: Rev. Sebastian Mulinge, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: Located in the foothills that border Ngorogoro National Park. In addition to the main Church, there are seven outstations.

Ministries: The Audrey Veldman Vocational Training Center, providing skills training for young, impoverished boys and girls; Lostete Dispensary which provides basic medical care for parishioners.

The parish has 103 small Christian communities where 8 to 10 families gather weekly. There are 14 dedicated Catechists.



Sacred Heart Of Jesus Parish Sombetini, Arusha, Tanzania

Established: 2001 by the Divine Word Missionaries; Assumed by Holy Cross in 2015

Current Pastor: Rev. Prosper Tesha, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: Located in the northeast of Arusha, Tanzania, Sombetini is a steadily growing suburb of the city. Most of its residents are low income earners, some of them working as casual laborers in small business enterprises. The parish has around 5,000 members and there are 27 small Christian communities that gather weekly.

Ministries: The parish is known for a history of strong lay leadership, a quality that the Congregation is known for fostering in its parishes.

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SOUTH AMERICA



Lord Of Hope Parish Lima, Peru

Established: 1977

Current Pastor: Rev. José Luis Tineo, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: Canto Grande, Lima, Peru. The parish has 222,661 baptized Catholics of a total population in Canto Grande of 294,687.

Ministries: The Parish offers Sacramental formation in family catechesis, adolescent, youth (Confirmation program), and marriage preparation. Offers Alcoholics Anonymous and social work services to the neediest. Parroquial Policlinic Brother André (Brother André Clinic) offers health services in all the areas including rehabilitation and therapies to persons with disabilities and different skills. Home to the Peyton Family Life Institute.

Lord of Hope Parish is a faith community imbued with the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross and has a preferential option for the poor and those excluded from society. The community advances popular devotions and the cultivation of the interior life. Together, lay leaders are strengthened and the impact is felt in families and with the youth.

San Roque Parish Santiago, Chile

Established: 1949

Current Pastor: Rev. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: Located in the Eastern Zone of Santiago, Chile San Roque is composed of five chapels, and has as its moto: a "Community of Communities, of Faith, in Christ." It is the only work in the District of Chile that Holy Cross has had since its beginning, and even before it was a parish. It extends over the area of La Faena in Peñalolén and has about 13,000 people, 70%+ of whom declare themselves Catholics.

Ministries: Lay participation is a cornerstone of San Roque, with lay leaders assuming responsibility for catechesis, Bible studies, visiting the sick, administration, parish missions and missions to rural areas in the South of Chile. Of special interest to the parish are: family catechesis, Special catechism (for families with handicapped members), Pastoral to the family, youth pastoral, Family Rosary and pastoral work to the elderly.





Our Lady Of Andacollo Parish Santiago, Chile

Established: 1865; Assumed by Holy Cross in 1977

Current Pastor: Rev. Joseph Tomei, C.S.C.

Geographic Region: The parish serves neighborhoods in central Santiago. It is difficult to say just how many families the parish serves. There is no registry of parishioners as is done in the States. On average, there are about 200 – 250 people who attend Mass on the weekend.

Ministries: The mission of the parish continues to be to serve the very poor that comprise the majority of the parish. The parish has always had a large number of poor elderly. For more than 50 years the parish has operated a dining room to serve lunches to the poor elderly of the neighborhood. For many, the dining room is their only source of food for the day. For the past several years, the neighborhood has become home to immigrants from just about every country in Central and South America as well as from México.

In the area of Social Justice, the parish serves the immigrants in the neighborhood. It has a dining room that mainly serves the elderly poor. The parish also ministers to the sick and elderly. There is a group who ministers to families who have lost loved ones. In the area of Sacraments, the parish offers catechism classes to children and to adults to the Sacraments of initiation. There is also youth ministry. There is a Stewardship Committee, Parish Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee, Rosary Group, Scouts. The parish also runs a Bazaar where people can buy clothes, giving what they can or just receiving the clothes for nothing. There are three groups who use the parish. They are young adults in the Spirit, Dads in the Spirit and Moms in the Spirit.

Our Lady Of Mercy Parish Calle Larga, Chile

Established: 1864; Assumed by Holy Cross in 1989

Current Pastor: Rev. Robert Gilbo, C.S.C.

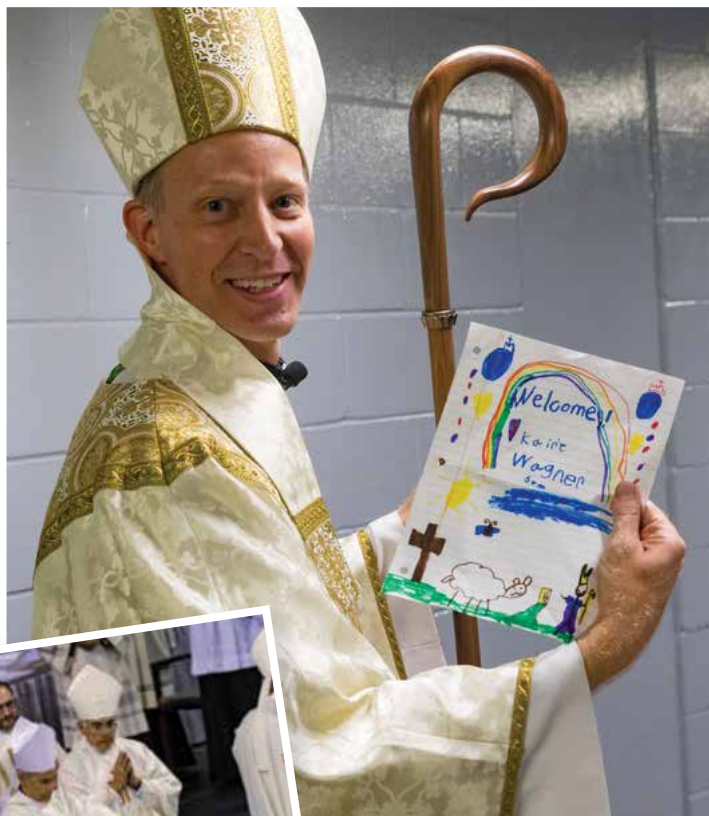
Geographic Region: Rural area of Calle Larga, approximately 60 miles northeast of Santiago. Calle Larga has a population of approximately 10,500.

Ministries: A primary mission is the conversation of converting its 12 chapels into authentic small Christian communities with the Church's mission of evangelizing, celebrating and serving the surrounding neighborhoods. There are 50 Catechists who help with Sacramental preparation, social and pastoral ministries, liturgy teams, choirs and youth and adult missionary teams.



Congratulations

Bishop William Wack, C.S.C.



On Monday, May 29, 2017, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis named Fr. William A. Wack, C.S.C., as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in Florida in the United States.

At his introductory press conference, Bishop-elect Wack spoke of his love for the Congregation of Holy Cross and for his vocation, as he looks forward to shepherding the People of God in his new diocese.

"Wherever I go, I am fully invested, because I love being a priest. I love being a priest," he said. "I am passionate about my vocation, about the faith, and I want to encourage the people around me to do the same thing, to feel the same way."

"I join with all of his Holy Cross brothers and his wonderful family in congratulating Fr. Bill (Bishop-designate Wack) on this important pastoral responsibility as Shepherd of the People of God in northwest Florida," said Fr. Robert L. Epping, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation. "We are proud that the Holy Father has chosen one of our finest pastors to be a new bishop in the Church."

On August 22, 2017, Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C., was installed as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. The installation Mass was held at the Pensacola Bay Center. Several thousand people attended the Mass in person, including 18 bishops, many members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and almost 100 of Bishop Wack's family members. The Mass was also live streamed courtesy of the Eternal Word Television Network. The principal consecrator was the Archbishop of Miami, Thomas J. Wenski. Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, DD of Austin and Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., of Peoria, served as co-consecrators.

Bishop Wack was born in South Bend, Indiana, to Dr. James and Alice Wack. He is the ninth of ten children. He entered the Old College Undergraduate Seminary at the University of Notre Dame in August 1985. He professed Final Vows on August 28, 1993 and was ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Basilica at the University of Notre Dame on April 9, 1994.

Bishop Wack's first assignment as a priest was as the Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Afterwards, he served as the Associate Director of the Office of Vocations for the United States Province and then as the Director of André House of Hospitality in Phoenix, Arizona, before coming Pastor at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas, in 2009.

Bishop Wack's younger brother is Fr. Neil Wack, C.S.C., Director of Vocations for the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. ✠

Ave Maria Press AUTHORS Receive High Honors



Ave Maria Press authors were recognized for eleven books—including several first-place honors — by the Catholic Press Association and the Association of Catholic Publishers.

Catholic Press Association Awards

Paula Huston's *One Ordinary Sunday* was awarded top honors in the "Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith."

The Catholic Mom's Prayer Companion, edited by Lisa M. Hendey and Sarah A. Reinhard, was given a first-place award in the "Collections of Prayers" category.

Hendey, an alumna of the **University of Notre Dame** and an editor-at-large at Ave Maria Press, shared a second-place award with Barb Szyzkiewicz for Best Group or Association Blog for *CatholicMom.com*. The website has since become a ministry of **Holy Cross Family Ministries**.

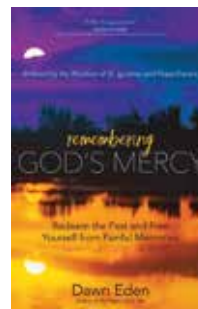
Other winners and their categories are:

- *Divine Mercy for Moms* by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, third place, "Family Life"
- *To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach* by Jared Dees, third place, "Pastoral Ministry." Dees is a graduate of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education program and content marketing manager at Ave Maria Press.
- *The Mysteries of the Rosary* by Daniel Mitsui, third place, "Coffee Table Book/Religious Art"
- *The Enthusiast* by Jon M. Sweeney, third place, "History"

- *Great Catholic Parishes* by William E. Simon Jr., honorable mention, "Pastoral Ministry"
- *Redeeming Conflict* by Ann M. Garrido, honorable mention, "Professional Books"
- *The Complete Encyclicals, Bulls, and Apostolic Exhortations* by Pope Francis, honorable mention, "Pope Francis books."

Association of Catholic Publishers Awards

- Huston earned the top award in the general interest category for *One Ordinary Sunday*.
- Dawn Eden received first place in the inspirational category for *Remembering God's Mercy*.
- Ave's new marriage preparation program, *Joined by Grace: Preparing for the Sacramental Journey of Your Marriage*, written by John and Teri Bosio and produced by Spirit Juice Studios, received a second-place award for ministry resource programs.
- Garrido won second place in the resources for ministry category for *Redeeming Conflict*.
- Dees earned third place in the resources for ministry category for *To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach*.



"It is such an honor that our authors have been recognized for their outstanding work by the ACP and the CPA," said Ave Publisher Tom Grady. "I am also proud that the selections represent both the diversity and the strength of Ave's trade and ministry resource programs." ✠

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Three Profess Final Vows

BY REV. NEIL WACK, C.S.C.

The Congregation of Holy Cross celebrated the Final Profession of Vows of three men on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, presided and received the vows of **Mr. Christopher William Brennan, C.S.C., Mr. Brendan Joseph McAleer, C.S.C., and Mr. Timothy Robert Weed, C.S.C.**

Mr. Brennan, Mr. McAleer, and Mr. Weed professed the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

They were ordained to the Order of Deacon on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, in the Moreau Seminary Chapel by the Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. They will be ordained Holy Cross Priests on April 7, 2018.

Rev. Mr. Christopher Brennan, C.S.C.

Rev. Mr. Christopher Brennan, C.S.C., is the youngest of four sons of Michael and Dorothy Brennan of Granger, Ind. He graduated with a B.A. in philosophy and theology from the University of Notre Dame in 2012, where he also earned a M.Div. in 2017. Christopher entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 2008 as an Old Collegian. He made his First Profession of Vows on August 3, 2013.

During his formation, Deacon Christopher served in music ministry at Holy Cross House (2008-2009); SSLP at André House, Phoenix, AZ (Summer 2009); sixth grade CCD at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind. (2009-2010); SSLP at Project Hospitality, Staten Island, NY (Summer 2010); Our Lady of the Road Drop-in Center (Fall 2010); music ministry and hospitality at the American College in Belgium



(Spring 2011); tutoring and aid at St. Adalbert's School, South Bend, Ind. (2011-2012, Postulant Year); St. John Vianney Parish, Avondale, AZ (Summer 2012); sixth grade CCD, Our Lady of the Woods Parish & Spiritual Care, Penrose-St. Francis Hospital, Colorado (2012-2013, Novitiate Year); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Winter 2013); volunteer, Logan Industries, South Bend, Ind. (2013-2014); Bangladesh (Summer 2014); Assistant, Center for Global Perspectives, Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind. (2014-2015); District of East Africa (Summer 2015); preparing couples for marriage at St. Pius X, Granger, Ind. (2015-2016); St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker House (Summer 2016); followed by assistant rectorship at Dunne Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. (2016-2017).

Deacon Christopher is serving his diaconate year at Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore.

Rev. Mr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C.

Rev. Mr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., is the fifth of ten children of Michael and Patricia McAleer of Mount Prospect, Ill. He graduated with a B.A. from Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2011, and earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame in 2017. He entered Holy Cross in 2009 as an Old Collegian. He made his First Profession of Vows on August 6, 2013.



During his formation, Deacon Brendan served as ND Vision Mentor (Summer 2009); Ministry of hospitality at the American College of Louvain (Fall 2009); Catholic Worker volunteer, South Bend, Ind. (Spring 2009, 2010); volunteer, St. Mary's Convent (2010-2011); ND Vision Master Mentor (Summer 2011); landscaping, La Porte, Ind. (Summer 2012); CCD, Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind. (2012-2013, Postulant Year); teaching faith class, OLW Parish, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Winter 2013); chaplain, Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo. (2013-2014, Novitiate Year); bible study teacher, Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Summer 2014); volunteer, Logan Industries, South Bend, Ind. (2014-2015); teaching

English/Religion in Mizoram, Northeast India (Summer 2015); followed by marriage prep for couples at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, Ind.

Deacon Brendan is serving in Campus Ministry at Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Penn., as well as at Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, Penn., near the campus.

Rev. Mr. Timothy Weed, C.S.C.

Rev. Mr. Timothy Weed, C.S.C., is the eldest of three children of Robert Weed and the late Mary Weed, and stepson to DeAnna Pierce. He graduated with a B.S. in geography and history from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich.,



in 2007, and earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2017. He entered Holy Cross in August 2011 as a Postulant after employment with Kay Pharmacy and Spectrum Health, Butterworth Hospital, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He made his First Profession of Vows on August 3, 2013.

During his formation, Deacon Timothy served in Campus Ministry, Confirmation Program, University of Notre Dame (2011-2012); St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, TX (Summer 2012); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Novitiate Year, Winter 2013); Holy Cross Parish - St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, South Bend, Ind. (2013-2014); Stonehill College, My Brother's Keeper, North Easton, Mass. (Summer 2014); preparing couples for marriage, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, Ind. (2014-2015); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Summer 2015); United States Province Chapter, Portland, Ore. (Summer 2015); Campus Ministry, Christ for the Curious Program, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. (2015-2016); André House of Hospitality, Phoenix, AZ (Summer 2016); Assistant Rector, Sorin College, University of Notre Dame (2016-2017).

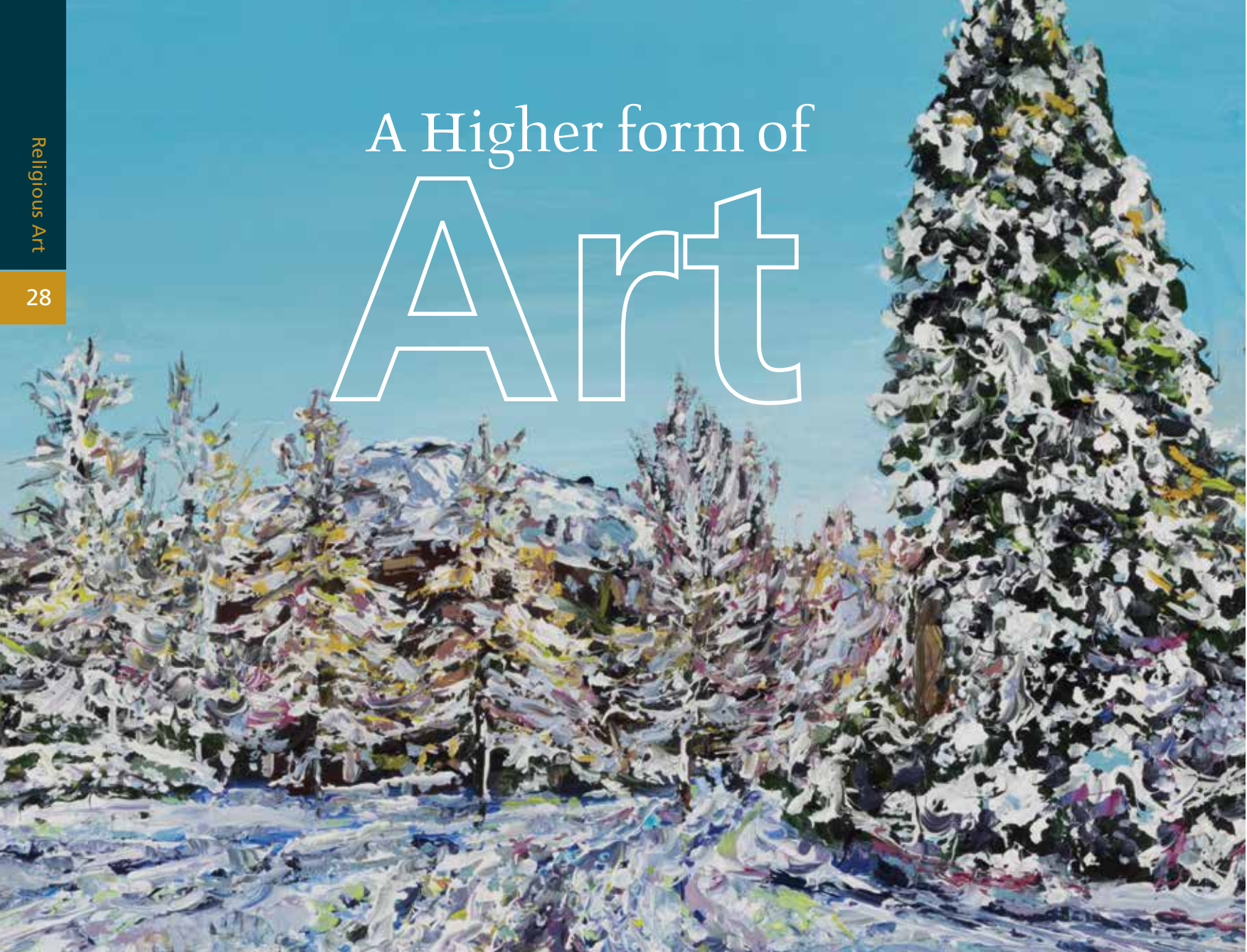
Deacon Timothy is serving in Campus Ministry and in residence at Shipstad Hall, University of Portland, Portland, Ore. ☦



Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Fr. Wack has served as Director of the Office of Vocations since 2015. A native of South Bend, Ind., Fr. Neil earned a B.S. in Computer Science at Purdue University ('93) and M.Div. ('02) from the University of Notre Dame. He entered Holy Cross in 1998 and was ordained in 2004.

A Higher form of Art



*“The highest art is always the most religious,
and the greatest artist is always a devout person.”*

—Abraham Lincoln

Pictured above, Fr. Mark Ghyselinck, C.S.C., “After the Snowstorm: University of Portland” 2017, acrylic.

A love of God and of His creation takes many forms. For Rev. Mark R. Ghyselinck, C.S.C., his love is best expressed through his vocation as a priest and his passion for capturing the beauty of this creation through his art.

Years before he recognized a call to the priesthood, Fr. Mark knew he had a gift for art, a gift he fostered from the 4th grade at Holy Cross School in South Bend, Indiana, through his freshman year of college.

The academic demands of his coursework and the need to work to pay for school put his artistic expression on hold, at least temporarily.

Graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1980 with a major in History and a minor in Education through St. Mary’s College, Fr. Mark accepted a position as a teacher of World History and Theology at Saint Joseph’s High School in South Bend. He accepted the position believing his long-term goal

would be in the field of law. It wasn't until some months later, after prayerfully considering his future and exploring other possible vocations, that Fr. Mark called the Office of Vocations of the Congregation of Holy Cross which helped him discern his call as a priest of the Congregation.

For Fr. Mark, growing up surrounded by Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters, there was no question as to which community he wanted to join. In 1982, he entered Moreau Seminary as a Candidate and the following year, the Novitiate. Upon his return to Notre Dame, he successfully pursued his Master of Divinity degree and was ordained in April 1988.

During his time at the Novitiate, he was able to resume his art using pastels and pencils, and while working on his Master of Divinity degree, was able to take a few art classes at Notre Dame, rekindling his passion and encouraging new methods of creating his art. But he would soon find, as he did when entering college, his art would have to wait yet again.

After he was ordained, Fr. Mark was assigned to Holy Cross Parish in South Bend where, in addition to his Sacramental responsibilities, he taught in the elementary school. After five years at Holy Cross Parish, he was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame where he served three years, followed by two years as Rector of O'Neill Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

Fr. Mark found time to return to his art while Rector at O'Neill Hall, and he drew numerous sketches and pictures. With the encouragement of his confreres in Holy Cross, he received permission to apply to graduate school to further his education. He applied to ten schools, visited eight, and decid-



Top right, Fr. Mark Ghyselinck, C.S.C., "Howard Hall Coming Down: University of Portland" 2017, acrylic.

ed to attend Western Michigan University where in the course of three years he earned his Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree.

No sooner did he graduate from Western Michigan than he began teaching art at Holy Cross College which he did for four years before accepting a position at the University of Portland, where he is in his 13th year teaching painting, drawing and an introduction to fine arts. In his role as priest, educator and artist, Fr. Mark is honored to be among a small but notable collection of Holy Cross religious who share these distinctions, including Frs. Tony Lauck, C.S.C., Jim Flanigan, C.S.C., Austin Collins, C.S.C., and Martin Nguyen, C.S.C.

Teaching is a role Fr. Mark finds rewarding but his passion is in creating, in capturing vibrant colors, extraordinary landscapes and unique and distinguishing shapes and objects. He doesn't paint religious art in the traditional sense but he creates art that is religious as each of his pieces reflects God's handiwork.

Like his vocation as a priest, creating art is what he is supposed to be doing whether an oil painting that may take a year to produce or a pencil sketch he might create in an afternoon. The priest-artist expresses his love of God daily through his Sacramental duties at the University of Portland and at a local retirement community, and uses his art to create different signs and representations of the sacred - the visible, yet often unnoticed - beauty and grandeur of our world. ✠

At left, Fr. Mark Ghyselinck, C.S.C., "Colors in Tom Hosinski's Garden" 2017, acrylic.



Grateful Hearts, Grateful Givers

Each summer, it's become a tradition of sorts for me to make my way across the subdued commotion of the Notre Dame campus to the Holy Cross Community cemetery. In visiting, I pass among the graves of the many men of Holy Cross who have touched my life in profound and sundry ways. In a consciously slow and prayerful walk, I review the many names of those who I have come to know and love over the past five decades of my life. With heartfelt gratitude, I say a quiet prayer of repose for each one. These visits give me pause to reflect on all the ways I, and my family, have been touched by the good men and women of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

I grew up on the West Side of South Bend as a member of St. Adalbert parish and it was here that I had my first contact with the Holy Cross Fathers. It was the mid-seventies and I fondly recall serving Mass for two newly ordained Holy Cross priests: Fr. Tom Lemos, C.S.C., and Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C. In fact, my friendship with Fr. Tom has endured, and my wife and I were pleased that he was able to concelebrate our wedding in Oakland, California along with another one of our other mutual friends, Fr. Jim Fenstermaker, C.S.C., who I met at Moreau Seminary during his period of religious formation.

As I entered my teenage years, I experienced the dedication and scholarship of many wonderful Holy Cross sisters and brothers at St. Joseph High School. It was there, during my senior year, that Fr. André Léveillé, C.S.C., Director of Vocations at that time, gave a vocation talk in my senior theology class. Following some discernment, he accepted me into the Old College program and thus began some of the most important, joyful, and formative years of my life. During that time, I had the privilege of meeting many terrific men and women religious from the Congregation. I learned about the work of Holy Cross in the foreign missions, and always enjoyed meeting the missionaries who routinely passed through the seminary. They left me wondering: did I have the fortitude to become a missionary?

There was one especially important time during these college years. In the summer of my junior year, Patrick Neary and I, who were then employed at Ave Maria Press under the able tutelage of Fr. David Schlaver, C.S.C., had the privilege of guiding a group of visiting Holy Cross priests and seminarians from Bangladesh, Kenya, and Peru – who had come to Notre Dame for the Province Assembly that year – through many of the western houses of Holy Cross during a three-week, eight-thousand-mile adventure down to Texas and into the Southwest, through California and up the coast to Portland, and then back again to Notre Dame. During this grace-filled adventure,

I was exposed to the pious, gentle natures of these men from the foreign missions and learned about the people and cultures of the communities to whom they ministered. Indeed, I still correspond with Fr. Parimal Pereira, C.S.C., who works in Bangladesh.

Upon graduation, deciding to forego the novitiate for what I expected to be a brief hiatus, I secured a job teaching theology at St. Joseph High School in South Bend, where I met the woman who, two years later, would become my wife. She had come to South Bend to live and work at La Casa de Amistad with Sr. Mary Ann Pajakowski, C.S.C., as a Holy Cross Associate. Moving closer to her family in northern California, we settled down to raise our children. However, we were able to maintain our contact with so many of our now mutual Holy Cross friends, and even joined St. Clement Parish in Hayward, California (adjacent to Moreau High School!) which, at the time, was staffed by Holy Cross priests. In the ensuing years, our children were baptized and received their first Holy Communion from several Holy Cross priests.

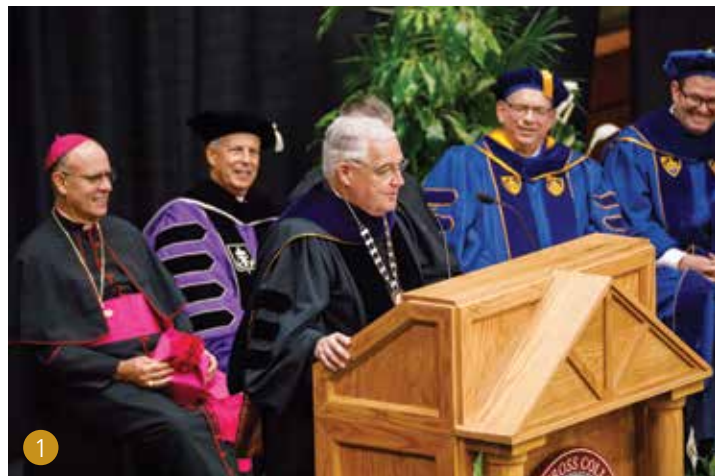
At the time I formally broke with Holy Cross in 1985, I always knew that one day I would find a concrete way to express my appreciation for their investment and their friendship. In more recent years my wife and I have been in a better position to give financial support to the community's foreign missions for which I have always had a special affection. It is our way of expressing our gratitude, in a modest way, for the many blessings and graces we have received over the years.

Further, two years ago we decided it was time to update our wills. Our children are mostly grown, and the oldest two are now married. In parsing the future of our material blessings, we both felt compelled to include the Holy Cross missions in our estate planning. It's a comfort knowing that our investment will live on long past our mortal days on this good earth.

My pilgrimage to the cemetery always concludes at the marker which identifies the names of those Holy Cross missionaries who died overseas. I never had the privilege of knowing most of them. But in perusing the names on the monument I can't help but think of a military slogan that seems to fit this sacred place so well: "All gave some, some gave all." To these, and all the progeny of Blessed Basil Moreau, I say thank you!



—Tom and Mary Ann Dlugosz



NOTABLE MENTIONS

On July 31, 2017, upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the Corporate Members, Holy Cross College unanimously voted to appoint **Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C.**, ¹ the fifth president of Holy Cross College for a term of five years. He was inaugurated in October. Prior to becoming president of Holy Cross College, Father Tyson was the St. André Besette Director of Nonprofit Professional Development at Mendoza College, University of Notre Dame. A member of the Notre Dame class of 1970, Father Tyson served as executive assistant to Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., when he was president of Notre Dame, and later as vice president for Student Affairs. In 1990, he became president of the University of Portland, and served until 2003, when he was elected provincial superior of what was then

called the Indiana Province of Holy Cross.

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, named eight recipients for the 2017 Spirit of Holy Cross Award – given annually to lay collaborators who faithfully serve the Province in the United States and abroad. The 2017 recipients are: **Nancy Conroy**, who began service at Holy Cross House in 1991 until her retirement in August of 2017; **Brian Doyle**, whose connection with the Congregation of Holy Cross spanned over 40 years, until his sudden passing in the spring of 2017. Brian accepted a position on the Bluff as editor of Portland magazine, which he served with talent, creativity and joy. **Paul Fujawa**, life-time member of St. Casimir Parish in South Bend, IN and a graduate of its grade school and the University of Notre Dame. **James Kramer**, Associate Director of Development

for the United States Province and the former Indiana Province since 2004. **Pedro Pablo Miranda**, manager of St. George's College since 2004.

Mary Nucciarone, Director of Financial Aid at the University of Notre Dame. **Benito Salazar**, who has served for more than 40 years as Director of the "Celestial Choir" at St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend, IN. **Lucyann Skvarla**, who is in her 40th year of service to King's College. Honorees will be recognized in their local communities by the Holy Cross ministry for which they work during the month of January as part of the celebrations of Blessed Moreau's life. At that time, they will receive a proclamation of gratitude signed by Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., Provincial Superior, on behalf of the entire U.S. Province.

On Friday, September 1, 2017, the U.S. Postal Service issued the Fr. Ted Hesburgh Forever Stamp in recognition of "one of

the most important academic, religious and civic leaders of the 20th century." **Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.**, ² president of the University of Notre Dame, spoke at the ceremony, as well as **Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.**, provincial superior, and **Rev. Austin Collins, C.S.C.**

Congratulations to **Rev. Tom Hosinski, C.S.C.**, whose book, *The Image of the Unseen God: Catholicity, Science and Our Evolving Understanding of God*, has been published by Orbis Books. It was available as of August 17. Fr. Tom's book is part of a series edited by Ilia Delio, called *Catholicity and the Evolving Universe*.

EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

On Thursday, August 24, 2017, the University of Notre Dame invited all Holy Cross Religious in the South Bend area to Mass, a wonderful dinner and program in honor of Holy Cross being in South Bend for 175 years. Part of the celebration was a group of pilgrims who traced the steps of Fr. Sorin and the brothers who walked over 250 miles from Vincennes to Notre Dame.

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., ² president of the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed to the Commission on College Basketball, established by the NCAA Board of Governors, Division I Board of Directors

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and NCAA President Mark Emmert. The commission will focus on three areas: The relations of the NCAA national office, member institutions, student-athletes and coaches with outside entities, including apparel companies, agents and non-scholastic basketball.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

On Wednesday, November 1st, the Garaventa Center at the University of Portland hosted a book launch for **Fr. Tom Hosinski, C.S.C.'s** new book, *The Image of the Unseen God*. The event was held in the campus bookstore and following remarks by Tom and an opportunity for questions, there was a social and book signing.

Twelve University of Portland undergraduates interested in discerning religious

life and priesthood attended a vocation event hosted by the Holy Cross community at Portland. The event began with Vespers in the Chapel of Christ the Teacher followed by dinner and an opportunity for fellowship with members of the local community. Following dinner, **Fr. John Donato, C.S.C.**, shared his vocation story and answered questions from the men who attended.

The Holy Cross community at the University of Portland hosts two of these dinners each semester. They also organize a discernment retreat at the Oregon Coast every January which includes members from the Province Vocation staff at Notre Dame.

STONEHILL COLLEGE

Stonehill College was once again recognized for its exceptional ability to foster intellectual development and connect students with strong outcomes. In the recently released 2017 rankings from the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*, Stonehill placed 158 out of the more than 1,000 U.S. colleges and universities surveyed. This puts the College in the top 16% of college and universities nationwide.

The Wall Street Journal ranks higher education institutions based on the emphasis placed on putting student success and learning at the heart of their mission. The rankings also looked at resources, engagement, diversity and outcomes, all a major part of Stonehill's mission. The College is ranked in the top 100 for successful outcomes, with an average rating of 8.49 out of 10 for career preparation and valuable internship experience.

INTERNATIONAL LATIN AMERICA

(Districts of Perú and Chile,
Region of México)

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Calle Larga, Chile, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Ordination of its pastor, **Rev. Roberto Gilbo, C.S.C.**, and one of its associate pastors, **Rev. Fermin Donoso, C.S.C.**, on September 15, 2017, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Ordained together and having served most of their lives together in the District of Chile, Fermín and Roberto are part of the life, the history and the strength of the mission of Holy Cross

in Latin America. Calle Larga, Chile, is a rural area about one hour north and east of Santiago, with vistas of the Andes mountains towering over them, as they are located just off of the main road to Argentina. The parish covers a large area with 13 chapels, and Mass is held each Sunday in each of the chapels. Fermín is native to Chile, graduate of St. George's College, and has served his lifetime of ministry there, except for the years he was studying in the United States. He has taught, served as Canon Lawyer for the Archdiocese of Santiago and Diocese of San Felipe, has served in formation, parochial ministry and served as the District Superior in Chile. Fermín is sought after by priests, religious, bishops, and scores of lay people for his sage advice, spiritual guidance and his ability to listen.

Roberto is originally from Alpena, Michigan, and while in the seminary he went to Chile to study theology; since that time he has made Chile his home. He became a Chilean citizen, and is truly 'one with the people' to whom he has dedicated his life. Roberto has many served years in parochial ministry, formation work, and service as the Vicar for Pastoral Life and Vicar General in the Diocese of San Felipe. He is respected across the country and is known for his retreats and is a much sought after spiritual director as well.

Thanks to the Father David E. Farrell, C.S.C. Pavilion in Canto Grande, Lima, Perú, students, parents and teachers,

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for the first time in the history of Fe y Alegría 25, have been able to celebrate Mass with the whole community! As of the most recent updates, work on the Pavilion 3 has developed according to plan, and while not fully complete at the time of this publication (bathrooms are currently undergoing construction), a celebration in honor of Blessed Moreau's 10th anniversary of beatification was held there in September 2017.

Fr. David E. Farrell, C.S.C., has been a missionary in Perú for thirty years with the last twenty in Canto Grande, one of the largest and most impoverished barrios of Lima. There, he served as pastor to over 250,000 people in Perú's largest Catholic parish. Fr. David is currently in the United States with health issues that will most likely prevent his return to Perú on a permanent basis.

The Fr. David E. Farrell, C.S.C., Pavilion bears his name, honors his legacy, and most importantly, it is a beautiful and worthy place for the poorest of Lima. Built at the Fe

y Alegría School, the pavilion is a semi-enclosed, multi-purpose facility for use by all the Holy Cross ministries in Lima for large group gatherings and events, such as prayer services, liturgical celebrations, school assemblies, athletic contests, and adult education programs. Prior to its construction, all large-scale gatherings took place outdoors on the dry and dusty fields surrounding the school.

Three novices, two from the United States Province in México and one from the District of Perú, made their first profession of vows on January 6, having completed their novitiate year in Peru. **Luis Antonio Ortiz, C.S.C.**, and **Pedro Jose Carreno Medina, C.S.C.**, are from the United States Province in México. **Brother Anthony Terrones Ortiz, C.S.C.**, is from the District of Perú.

On November 9, 2017, **Angel Lazaro, C.S.C.** (3rd from left), was instituted as Lector and **Joe 'Jose' Pedersen, C.S.C.** (4th from the right) 4 was instituted as Acolyte by Auxiliary Bishop Heriberto Cavazos of



Monterrey, MX. Picture with Angel and Joe are some of the seminarians in Mexico who gathered in the sacristy of La Luz Parish before the Mass.

DISTRICT OF EAST AFRICA

Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., **Rev. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C.**, and **Rev. Peter Jarret, C.S.C.**, made a Provincial Visit to East Africa the first two weeks of August. They held a series of meetings with Holy Cross Religious in Tanzania, Kampala, Jinja and Nairobi. During the visit, four seminarians received the order of acolyte.

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Holy Cross community in the District of East Africa dedicated the new Rocca Family Administration Building in Kyembogo, Uganda. The new administration building will support the faculty and staff of St. Joseph Hill School and St. Jude Tadeo Parish. **Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.**, the Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame and the Director of Liturgy and Music at Moreau



Seminary, was present for the dedication. Fr. Rocca was instrumental in the establishment of the Administration Building named in honor of his family and their dedication to Holy Cross and the Church.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Rev. Bill Dorwart, C.S.C., 5 officially announced his retirement from the United States Navy, 50 years after he first enlisted in 1967. Fr. Dorwart retires with the rank of Lieutenant Commander but not from his priesthood and ministry which he looks forward to continuing with the United States Province at Notre Dame. In addition to serving as a Navy Chaplain, Fr. Dorwart's other assignments have included Provincial

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Administration, parish ministry, formation and campus ministry.

On September 23, 2017, the Knights of Columbus Council 13981 of Tri-Community Parish in Colorado Springs, officially changed its name to the **Father Andrew Sebesta, C.S.C. Council** ⁶ in honor of their beloved Father Andy Sebesta, C.S.C., who served in the parish from 2008-2009 before returning to the Holy Cross community at Notre Dame due to health concerns. Fr. Andy passed away in January 2012 at the age of 39 after a seven-year battle with brain cancer. Among those in attendance at the Mass and blessing were Fr. Andy's parents, Ed and Jeanette Sebesta.



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A \$50 million investment in mission

Mary and Jay Flaherty, together with their alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, will contribute \$50 million in support of the University and the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, to broaden and deepen the work of both institutions in service to the Catholic Church.

The \$50 million will be expended in three ways:

- Mary and Jay have made a \$20 million gift and Notre Dame has added another \$10 million for the reconstruction and ongoing maintenance of Corby Hall, the on-campus residence and center of hospitality for the Holy Cross community of priests and brothers. The building will continue to bear the name Corby Hall.
- Mary and Jay are also making a separate \$5 million gift to the Congregation to benefit its aging religious.
- Notre Dame will donate \$15 million to the Congregation – \$10 million for general needs and \$5 million to establish an endowment in the University's Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs to strengthen collaboration between the University and Congregation throughout the world.

Mary Flaherty, Notre Dame Class of 1979, is the niece of the late Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., and she and Jay are the parents of three fourth-generation Notre Dame graduates, and they have three grandchildren. Jay, also a graduate of the class of 1979, has been a member of the University's Board of Trustees since 2007.

In 2015, Mary and Jay provided the lead matching gift to the "Tribute to Father Ted" endowment for the United States Province which holds more than \$1.5 million for the education and formation of Holy Cross religious.

"Corby Hall was home to my Uncle Ted for 56 years, and home to his best friend, Father Ned Joyce, for 52 years," Mary Flaherty said. "Jay and I are pleased to reconstruct their home for the benefit of future generations of Holy Cross religious. "In their later years, Uncle Ted and Father Ned moved to Holy Cross House, where they received quality care until the time of their passing. This is why it is so important that we support the order's endowment for aging Holy Cross religious with our gift to the Congregation."

"Even before the Congregation of Holy Cross was established by Blessed Basil Moreau in 1837, he welcomed the collaboration of lay faithful in his mission," said Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers. "This tradition of Holy Cross has propelled our ministries for more than 175 years and is exemplified, in a very profound and meaningful way, by the generosity of Mary and Jay. We are blessed by their transformational partnership and their investment in our charge to make God known, loved and served."

The investment made by Mary and Jay and the University of Notre Dame mark the beginning of a new major fundraising campaign for the United States Province. The campaign will seek to support, through endowment and gifts to support operating expenses, the education and formation of Holy Cross religious, the care of elder and infirmed members of the Congregation and its international missions in Bangladesh, East Africa, Mexico and South America.

In Memory

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest ...” (Mt. 11:28)

The prayers of the members of the Congregation and the usual suffrages of the Religious of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers are requested for the repose of the souls of our religious who've passed away recently.



REV. DAVID SHERRER, C.S.C.

Sept. 21, 1935 – Apr. 13, 2017
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1958
Ordained: Dec. 3, 1961



REV. RICHARD J. SEGREVE, C.S.C.

May 5, 1934 – Apr. 22, 2017
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1958
Ordained: Jun. 1, 1961



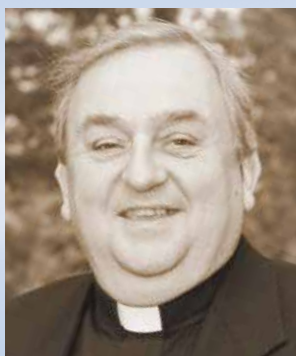
REV. FRANCIS M. WALSH, C.S.C.

May 28, 1930 – Jul. 15, 2017
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1954
Ordained: Oct. 28, 1956



REV. DONALD P. MCNEILL, C.S.C.

Apr. 14, 1936 – Aug. 24, 2017
Final Vows: Oct. 10, 1964
Ordained: Dec. 18, 1965



REV. THOMAS HALKOVIC, C.S.C.

Jul. 1, 1944 – Sept. 9, 2017
Final Vows: Apr. 1, 1970
Ordained: Apr. 3, 1971



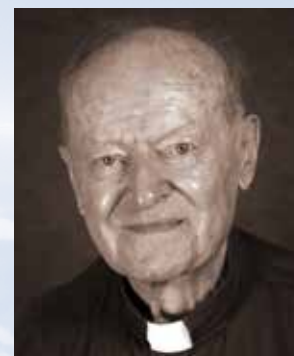
REV. JOHN M. MULCAHY, C.S.C.

Sept. 1, 1936 – Sept. 21, 2017
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1958
Ordained: Feb. 13, 1965



REV. THOMAS E. CHAMBERS, C.S.C.

Aug. 1, 1934 – Jan. 2, 2018
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1958
Ordination: June 7, 1961



REV. LEON J. MERTENSOTTO, C.S.C.

Oct. 8, 1930 – Jan. 7, 2018
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1952
Ordination: Oct. 28, 1956

“May they rest in the peace of Christ.”

For more information on the life and ministries of each Holy Cross priest above, please visit www.holycrossusa.org/obituariesall/.

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THE MOREAU SOCIETY

The family of Holy Cross is founded in faith, formed in love and strengthened by the Grace of God. Our family includes members of our Moreau Society, many of whom gathered this past September for the annual Moreau Society celebration weekend. Among the highlights of this "family reunion" were prayer, reflection, hospitality and Notre Dame football.

To learn more about the Moreau Society, visit **MoreauSociety.holycrossusa.org**.

