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From the Provincial Superior

My dear friends in Christ,

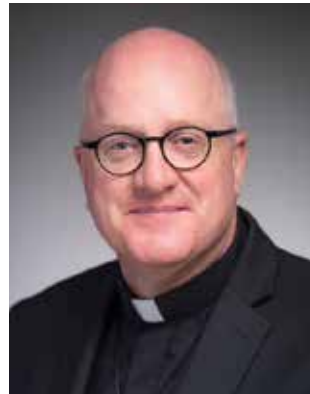
Blessings during this Easter season ... this time of life-giving hope. As the buds spring forth and the blossoms bloom, we are reminded of resurrection all around us. The tomb is empty and our hearts and minds are filled with the loving grace and glory of a God who loves us and walks with us. Our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, understood this saving grace of resurrection, and how our minds and hearts, together, needed to be cultivated for it. These are his words:

"We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven."

Education. In its simplest form: reading, writing and arithmetic, as they say. Instruction. A bit more complex. A lifelong lesson in worldview, perspective, and the wisdom of Our Lord, brought about by the Holy Spirit, and culminating in a maturation of one's soul. And the fruits of instruction are caring, hope, peace and a knowing that we are more than what we can achieve here on Earth. We are preparing ourselves for a heavenly home ... for our own resurrection in Christ.

In that way, we are all destined for greatness if we strive for it - but not in the sense of being powerful and mighty in our chosen vocations. We are called to be powerful and mighty in our love. That is what makes for a useful citizen. In this issue of *Pillars* we turn our attention to our role as educators in the faith. In our efforts to educate hearts and minds across borders of every sort, we rigorously prepare young religious for the task of instruction. In this issue, you will hear from some of our priests in advanced studies, and through it, I hope you will know of the immense gratitude we feel for your support, which will help us to advance thought leadership in theology and other disciplines, and will - in turn - enrich future generations taught by these religious.

This issue also covers stewardship for the United States Province for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and illustrates your pivotal role in helping us continue to educate hearts and minds, carry out the work of our foreign missions, serve our parish communities, and lend support to our young men in formation and our older confreres in retirement. Be assured of our continued prayers for you, for your families and your friends. Please pray for us, too, in our service to others, our vocations as they grow, and in our striving to heed God's call for us. God bless you well these Easter season days.



Yours in Holy Cross,

Rev. William M. Lies, C.S.C.,
Provincial Superior

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Students engrossed in study at St. Joseph Hill Secondary School in Kyrrarusoz, Uganda.
Photo by Stephanie Petrie.

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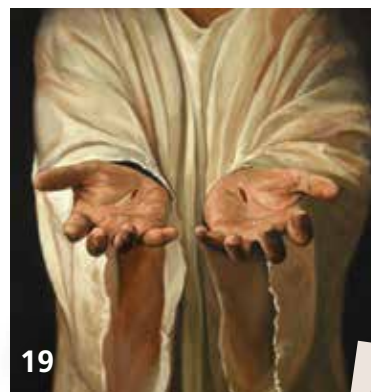
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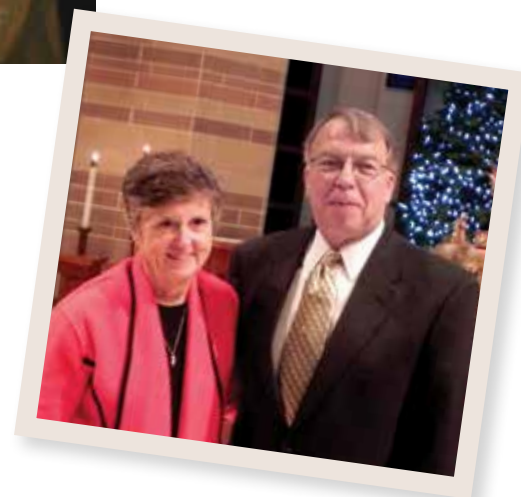
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Educating Hearts and Minds Across



Above, students at St. Andrew's Primary School in Jinja, Bugembe Community, in eastern Uganda, sing welcome songs and songs of school pride for visiting students from Holy Cross College. Visitors are traditionally welcomed with such incredible hospitality from the young hearts and minds being cultivated there.

Borders of Every Sort

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, is blessed to sponsor and serve at four unique institutions of higher education in the United States - the University of Notre Dame, University of Portland, Stonehill College and King's College. If you hail from one of these institutions, you'll no doubt be familiar with many international service projects that residence halls, as well as students and alumni come to know of, promote and support. Many of these projects exist in Districts where our Holy Cross missionaries serve. Much of that service is spent educating young hearts and minds in primary and secondary schools. When you pledge support to the Holy Cross Mission Center, these young people benefit from your generosity. Snapshots of these institutions in the pages that follow are but a glimpse of the great many programs that exist in the institutions we serve, including those that teach a trade that can be employed within their community, oftentimes giving students the foundation for business ownership.

**"Wherever Holy Cross has been in the world, the Congregation
has tried to provide the best education for the greatest
number of students at the most reasonable cost"**

– Rev. Mike DeLaney, C.S.C.

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Left, Fe y Alegría vocational classes prepare students to enter the workforce with all the necessary skills, such as development of technical skills for small businesses, an ethical culture with a focus on sustainable development, and an aim toward global and local development.



Above and right, at Fe y Alegría, it's not uncommon to see students learning skills that can be applied directly back to the school and surrounding community, such as building desks and chairs for use in other classrooms. Additional trades include: carpentry (wood and metal), design and production of clothing, secretarial work, office administration, electronics, hotel management and tourism, design and production of jewelry, agriculture and more.



Left, at Colegio Nuestra Señora de Andacollo (Our Lady of Andacollo School), an education begins with the basics – reading, writing, math – along with religious and spiritual instruction. Support of parents is a fundamental pillar there, which strengthens the family-school relationship. The school sets high expectations, and demands that teaching be of the best quality for students. This school promotes among the members of its community the spirit of improvement, to become responsible citizens, protagonists and builders of their social environment.



District of Chile - Perú

Colegio Fe y Alegría is a school in Perú that serves about 2,000 students including pre-kindergarten, special education and technical job training students. **Fe y Alegría No. 25**, in San Juan De Lurigancho, Lima, Perú, demonstrates values of justice, freedom, participation and fraternity aimed at the impoverished and contributing to the transformation of the society. At present, more than 600 students study in Fe y Alegría No. 25, where the educational model is one where teaching is adapted to the reality of daily life; one where students develop their maximum potential without neglecting their spiritual growth.

The mission in Chile is the longest-running mission still overseen by the United States Province. Three Holy Cross religious arrived in Santiago in 1943 to administer **Saint George's College**. They believed they were going to do university work. Little did they know that "college" actually meant a school of pre-kindergarten through 12th graders. Saint George's now serves 2,650 students. Strong faith formation and service have been hallmarks of the school.

Holy Cross also administers **Colegio Nuestra Señora de Andacollo** (Our Lady of Andacollo School) in Central Santiago. The student body of about 1,100 is made up primarily of children from working-class families. Through the Gospel, and the pedagogical principles bequeathed by Blessed Basil Moreau, Our Lady of Andacollo School seeks to build responsible citizens, committed to the world in which they live, with a deep sense of peace and justice.



District of East Africa

The District of East Africa includes Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania – a total of almost 27,000 square miles. Our ministries are large and small, rural and urban, but education and parish remain at their heart.

Holy Cross Parish (Jinja, Bugembe Community), in eastern Uganda, operates **St. Andrew, St. Jude** and **Holy Cross Primary Schools**.

Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School (Jinja) was founded by Rev. Robert Hesse, C.S.C., in 1993 in an abandoned one-room school house. Currently, a staff of 80 Holy Cross religious and lay collaborators educate the hearts and minds of nearly 800 students in everything from agriculture to literature to computer science to religion. Lake View is now ranked among Uganda's top 50 schools and is nationally recognized for academic excellence.

St. Jude Tadeo Parish (Kyarusozi, Fort Portal), in the rural western region of Uganda, operates **Kyarysozi Vocational Training School** and **St. Joseph Hill School**. Students at the Kyarusozi Vocational Training School may choose to learn a variety of trades, such as bricklaying, carpentry, knitting, furniture-making, and more, all to help them prepare for jobs. St. Joseph draws students from the outlying villages of Kyarusozi, Kyembogo and Kasaba. Some of the 400 impoverished students who attend classes at the school walk up to five miles every day to get there.

St. Brendan Parish in Kitete, Tanzania, operates the **Audrey Veldman Vocational Training Centre**, where one can find students who either cannot afford to or did not receive high enough grades to attend secondary school. Students of the school learn carpentry, masonry, tailoring, sewing, and knitting. Some students attend from as far away as 429 miles. 🙏



Above right, Audrey Veldman Vocational Training Center in Kitete offers an intermediate step between primary school and additional schooling and provides pupils, through well-trained teachers, the vocational skills to work a trade. Trades include tailoring, sewing, carpentry, masonry and welding, as well as hair dressing and electrical installation.

Top left, right and below, St. Andrew's Primary School educates and boards a good number of students, many of whom have experienced hardships at a young age, yet they are genuinely joyful.



Right, St. Jude Primary School encourages students to become well-rounded, balanced citizens and has a highly motivated and caring staff. The school runs a competitive sports program and large selection of club activities focused on creativity, cultural heritage, service, academics or sports that provide students with new experiences and life skills.



Advancing Our Holy Cross Religious in Studies Hope



When Blessed Basil Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross, he did so as an educator in the faith, and called the religious to educate the hearts and minds of God's children.

"For many of us in Holy Cross, mission expresses itself in the education of youth in schools, colleges and universities ... Wherever we work, we assist others not only to recognize and develop their own gifts but also to discover the deepest longing in their lives. And, as in every work of our mission, we find that we ourselves stand to learn much from those whom we are called to teach." ~ Constitution 1:16

The hearts and minds of Holy Cross religious themselves continue to benefit from additional education. All of us, no matter what station in life we find ourselves, never stop learning. The Constitutions further direct Holy Cross religious in the matter of advanced studies.

"All should be provided the opportunity for the best pastoral and theological training and advanced education that is appropriate and that, as a community committed to poverty, we can provide ... there is no age when we can lay aside further systematic or experiential learning, or continuing education." ~ Constitution 6:71

Many Holy Cross priests and brothers, in the United States and abroad, have completed or are actively pursuing advanced degrees. A number of those currently pursuing advanced degrees share their reflections below on the programs they've entered, what inspired their personal and professional journey toward the degree they are pursuing, as well as how their scholarship might have an impact on their ministry now and in the future.



Rev. Adam Booth, C.S.C.
Duke University
Durham, N.C.

"I'm in my third year of a five year doctoral theology program at Duke, working on Christological metaphor

in 1 Peter," said Fr. Booth. "The early stages were quite structured, but the conclusion is writing a dissertation which can vary in the amount of time required. In my studies, I've honed in on a recent observation by a few scholars regarding 1 Peter and the maternal imagery that is used to describe Christ's work and what impact that imagery might have on the author developing Christology, soteriology and ethics."

Fr. Booth explained that the imagery has only recently been noticed in 1 Peter, and that one must frame it up using ancient medical terms to see this deeper meaning that has been observed by others recently yet not widely discussed.

"In the first chapters of the work, the imagery that is used for becoming Christian is 'new birth,' and references are made to God 'giving seed' - terminology that very clearly puts God in the role of father. It goes on to speak of Christ's contribution as being blood, which in embryology was thought to be the mother's contribution. In the second chapter, new Christians are told to eagerly desire milk, in which they will taste that the Lord is good. In ancient times, milk was thought to be blood that was frothed up. Blood and milk are thus both maternal in nature."

Fr. Booth has always been fascinated by social history and the accounts of how people lived and conceptualized life in former times. He was first introduced to medical history and its importance for understanding the New Testament while at the University of Notre Dame in prerequisite years, and encountered it again after being ordained a Holy Cross priest and working in parish ministry for a year.

"I took a seminar at Notre Dame called *Myths, Magic and Miracles*, which covered ancient medicine. I came to realize that it provided a perfect place for me to use my interest in social and medical history to better respond to theological questions. That's what I see as my real intervention into the field of Biblical Studies - asking more questions of the New Testament and exploring the environment in which it arose, then marrying it with social context for the sake of responding to today's

theological concerns.

While the purpose of this degree is to prepare me to take up a faculty position at one of Holy Cross's higher education institutions, there may be another direction the Provincial has in mind for me, yet being able to spend all day thinking, writing and teaching about Scripture and the world in which it came to be, would be of great benefit to me as a person of faith and as a preacher."

One has to wonder what Holy Cross sponsored institutions would look like without the presence of Holy Cross priests - and Fr. Booth agrees that without people getting advanced degrees, there wouldn't be a next generation of Holy Cross at our colleges and universities. "While other forms of student formation happen at those institutions, without Holy Cross in classrooms, it would diminish our ability to fulfill these roles," said Fr. Booth. "We would become siloed and thought of as a support service, when we are a vital part of formation. We might even start to question our roles there."



Rev. Fred Jenga, C.S.C.
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Fr. Jenga holds a master's of arts in journalism and a master's in communication studies and is currently a

doctoral student in Communication Studies/rhetoric and language at the University of Texas in Austin. He is also a teaching assistant at the university.

"I was born in Uganda, a green, plenty of sunshine African country right on the equator. Through the Congregation of Holy Cross, I have done some ministry in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. One benefit of such cross-cultural experiences is that I speak fairly good Lusoga (my ethnic language), Luganda, Rutooro, Swahili, and Kinyarwanda. I started taking Spanish classes this January.

While in Nairobi, Kenya, I worked with youth from the Kibera slums - Africa's second largest slum. At some point, I worked in Butare, Rwanda and got to see first-hand the effects of the 1994 Rwanda genocide, and after theological studies I worked in my hometown of Jinja, Uganda. In Jinja, I was the associate pastor, the youth minister, the director of our private parochial grade

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schools, and active in outreach to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. From Jinja, I was asked to become the director of Holy Cross Family Ministries East Africa – a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross that focuses on family life and family prayer with the rosary. Holy Cross Family Ministries extensively employs the mass media in its work and together with my team, produces a lot of radio and television programs. I wrote many editorials on faith and family life for almost every major Ugandan national paper, and we also ran many workshops and retreats for different groups. Seeing the impact of our work through the use of media, I asked my superiors if I could pursue graduate studies in communication. I enrolled at Makerere University Kampala and later moved to the U.S. for further studies. I am currently pursuing a doctorate in communication studies at the University of Texas at Austin. I am finished with all of the classes and have moved into the writing phase. My dissertation is likely going to be in the arena of media and religion in Uganda.

As a priest, I am a man under the Vow of Obedience. I have to discern, with my superiors back in East Africa and here in the U.S., where the greatest need is and where my gifts and training will best serve the people of God. With the caliber of academic training I am receiving at the University of Texas in the field of communication, there are a lot of needs I can directly respond to in the “industry” or alternatively attend to the Church’s needs in higher education for priest teacher/scholars.”



Rev. Vicent Mbusa, C.S.C.
Tangaza University
College
Nairobi-Kenya

Fr. Vicent Mbusa, C.S.C., of Uganda, is pursuing a master’s of arts in counselling psychology at Tangaza. Upon completing his degree, he envisions helping others handle trauma and addiction. Fr. Mbusa holds a B.A. in social sciences from Uganda Martyrs University, and a master’s of arts in theology at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Penn. Fr. Mbusa also speaks fluent French, and has had years of international experience in Le Mans, France and St. Joseph’s Oratory in Quebec, Canada, in addition to administrative and

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pastoral experience as pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Bugembe, Uganda.

Fr. Mbusa’s dissertation: *Hospitality and Generosity, An African Perception*, speaks to the African hospitality that is perceived as being spontaneous and warm, and characterized by welcoming rituals and gifts.

“For instance, in West Africa, both the host and the guest chew a kolanut, among the Batoro people of western Uganda and similarly in some tribes in Tanzania, guests are offered coffee beans as soon as they enter the house (Chinchen, 2000). This food must be accepted by the guest even if they have just eaten. Refusal to eat the meal could be interpreted as an offensive behavior towards the host,” said Fr. Mbusa.

Fr. Mbusa’s dissertation then delves into the rarer cases of Kikuyu people who are perceived as inhospitable and unwilling to welcome visitors. The culture of welcome is so prevalent that, in his research, “one refuted the possible existence of inhospitable Kikuyu people.” The anti-social behavior, uncommon as it is among Kikuyu, has been met with punishment by the society. “Various forms of inflicting punishment were reported. For instance: they were deprived of marriage opportunities ... given bad nicknames ... or were socially isolated and [...] associated with bad luck.” “They are neglected in the society so mostly people do not want to be associated with them,” said Fr. Mbusa. “As a result, someone could even die, and people may not come to your compound. Inhospitable elders lost respect and command even among children and youth. The young people were not obliged to help or obey them.”

Fr. Mbusa’s research in this area is noteworthy not just for the Kikuyu, and how they might continue to plant the seeds of generosity and hospitality among the young generation, but for their Holy Cross brothers in other areas, including missionaries, as well as benefactors and friends, all seeking to understand how and why hospitality is so highly valued and promoted there, and additionally how we might pass on values we cherish.



Rev. Aaron Michka, C.S.C.
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Fr. Michka is pursuing a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Michigan, and is currently in his sixth year.

At U of M, it takes, on average, eight years to complete this degree.

“Anthropology is a secular discipline, so part of my work involves representing the Church in settings and conversations that otherwise would be closed to a faith-based perspective,” said Fr. Michka. “I have a longstanding interest in Egypt and had the chance to spend a summer there, where I stumbled upon a town through the backcountry and was amazed by the contrasts I found. In some ways, the town seemed like a Christian utopia, yet in other ways it was an absolute inferno. After spending only three days there, I knew it was going to be the focus of my dissertation. If anything, my research has been useful for breaking down some misconceptions people have about religion and the Middle East. It is common to run across folks who either think that Islam is a violent religion (and bent on persecuting Christians), or that Islam is a religion of peace. The reality is far more complex, as I think my research shows. The Christians in the town I studied were often eager to voice their dislike of Islam, and my fieldwork coincided with the sharp rise in attacks against Christians in Egypt. At the same time, these Christian residents recognized a great value in having Muslim neighbors, and even incorporated some practices they considered ‘Islamic’ into their communal life. So I think this task of giving witness to the complexity of these lived realities – which is the goal of any anthropologist worth his salt – is what I bring to my ministry and life in Holy Cross. As priests and brothers, we do all kinds of important work at our universities. Yet nothing can replace the important ministry of teaching in the classroom. If we lose our ability to connect with students as educators in the faith, then we’ll lose what makes our universities great, distinctive, and Catholic. For this reason, it’s important to support our young men who are interested in and capable of earning advanced degrees for the purpose of teaching and doing research. It’s a long journey, and one that can be challenging, but the benefit of having faithful, well-trained priests on faculty is immense.”



Rev. Chase Pepper, C.S.C.
St. John’s College at
Cambridge University
England

At Cambridge, there’s a culture of slow and steady hard work, to be sure, yet the English give

themselves the daily liberty of taking tea right around 4:00 p.m., when Fr. Chase Pepper says a little voice whispers that it’s time to “sip, sit and recharge” for a quick 10-20 minutes. Well, who can blame anyone for a spot of tea when they are working on a Ph.D. in theology?

“The faculty of divinity can take upwards of four years, and I’m just a few months into the three-year program. An English degree is quite different,” says Fr. Pepper. “It’s a research based project. In the states, you experience two years of course work and a year of preparation for exams, then you work on your dissertation. Here, you start on a research project immediately and the time is your own. There is no course work or tests, but a couple of periodic assessments. You meet with a supervisor who reviews the work you are doing, and in partnership with that person, you develop a research project upon which the university must give their stamp of approval. It’s an entirely new educational experience for me. You must be fueled as I am by self-motivation, and you need to know what it is you want to do. As for me, I had a passion for studying Dante’s theology since my first year of seminary. It’s something I kept up with throughout the M.Div. program, and in small ways afterwards, when I was newly ordained and in ministry at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I realized that this isn’t letting me go! I can do something with this!!”

Indeed, it does seem to fit with the needs and the mission of the Congregation insofar as being able to teach it in Holy Cross sponsored schools down the road. “The Holy Cross Community has a long history of Dante scholarship,” said Fr. Pepper. “It was Fr. John Zahm, C.S.C., who started the Dante Library at Notre Dame, known today as the Zahm Dante Collection in the Hesburgh Library. Fr. Zahm was convinced that in order for the University to be the school it needed to be, they needed Dante scholarship, due to the way Dante synthesized, in his imagination, faith and reason. Today, the

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Zahm Dante Collection is one of the top three Dante libraries in the country.

“This history and culture fueled my own interests, and I wondered what else I could do with it. Well, right now, I’m working toward the production of 80,000 words that make an original contribution to the field. It’s fun and challenging. I work in theology, but am also pulling from the work other departments do, like medieval studies, romance languages, literature, and history. Being able to focus on Dante in the field of theology really requires me to be interdisciplinary. Most people know Dante because they read *The Inferno*. There’s so much more life to find, so much richness to his theological thought, his spiritual thought, his poetic thought, his politics. It’s an exciting thing to help people realize. Dante knew tragedy in a very personal way and lived out half his life in exile from his homeland - had he returned, he would have been put to death. He conceived of what he wrote during this time and out of a lot of suffering, and it was a theological and poetic experiment for people that have gone through their own experiences of suffering and abandonment. It helps people bring back together the broken pieces of their lives and find a new level of unity with each other and with God. My

time at King’s College convinced me that my heart in Holy Cross is with our schools and our students. I look forward to my time in advanced studies fueling a teaching career, as well as being present on campus, helping them work through problems and honing the way they think about theology and literature - illuminating the ways in which it applies to their lives and to the needs of the poor and suffering around them.”

One valid question Holy Cross religious must ask of themselves is whether advanced studies will grow as time goes on. One out of six men from Fr. Pepper’s class are in studies, so it’s a small percentage from that class, yet more and more ordination classes beyond have expressed interest for the ministry opportunities it can afford them. As for whether theology will be most frequently chosen discipline, Fr. Pepper thinks and hopes not. “We might be weighted toward theology right now, but there’s plenty of other fields our guys are interested in. Education in the faith is the heart of what we do, what we offer to the Church and what we are about, but advanced study is about pursuing the life of the mind, and our history is one where we’ve had all-stars across faculties. It is what’s necessary to keep us running!”

The religious who shared their journeys above will not be alone in their pursuit of advanced degrees. More and more of the men discerning in Holy Cross have expressed an interest in advanced studies and making use of such degrees for the sake of teaching in Holy Cross colleges and universities.

The benefit of advanced disciplines serves not only those in Christian education at our colleges and universities – they are of benefit to those who serve in our parishes, in campus ministry, and the men of Holy Cross coming up – our seminarians and scholastics during their formation.

While the ability of our religious to pursue these studies can come about through fellowships, many are also made possible or assisted through your generous support. Your willingness to assist our religious in a greater understanding of theology, Scripture, and a multitude of other disciplines, shapes, in turn, the lives and minds of young collegians the world over, all without the expense of their hearts. You are integral to helping Holy Cross religious bring forth knowledge as well as hope to young people. Hope that will exude to all whom they encounter. ✠

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2017-2018 Fiscal Year



The last time I served as Steward of the Indiana Province, *Pillars* didn't yet exist. Accountability to donors wasn't neat and tidy as presented on the following pages, for proactive development had just begun. As we projected for the future, however, it became obvious to us that things were changing.

What has changed? We are a much larger and more complex "operation" now – far more Holy Cross religious, more men discerning and in advanced studies, more of our brothers in retirement, and most fortunate of all, the additional ways in which we've been able to serve in education, parish and mission ministries worldwide. But it has not been without your generous support. We are grateful for how you've stepped up and helped foster that growth and we are honored by the commitment you make to assist us as we continue our mission.

We are pleased to illustrate how we've stewarded these gifts with our financial overview, which reflects more than just our past or present. It's a statement of our priorities, our greatest needs, our impact and our position for the future. But it's not just about us. It is equally about you too, and your investment in our priorities, our needs, the impact we're able to make and in our future. The financials embody a partnership between you and Holy Cross - one that represents the ideal of collaboration, of shared vision and purpose, of a singular commitment to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of every member of the United States Province, I thank you for your sharing your resources with us and for your cherished role in the family of Holy Cross.

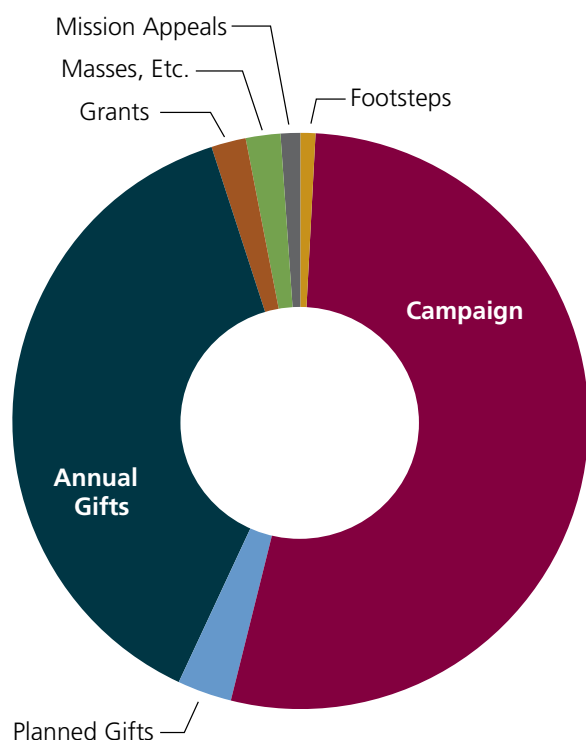
May God bless you and may God bless the Congregation of Holy Cross.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mark B. Thesing, C.S.C."

Rev. Mark B. Thesing, C.S.C.
Assistant Provincial; Steward

Overview

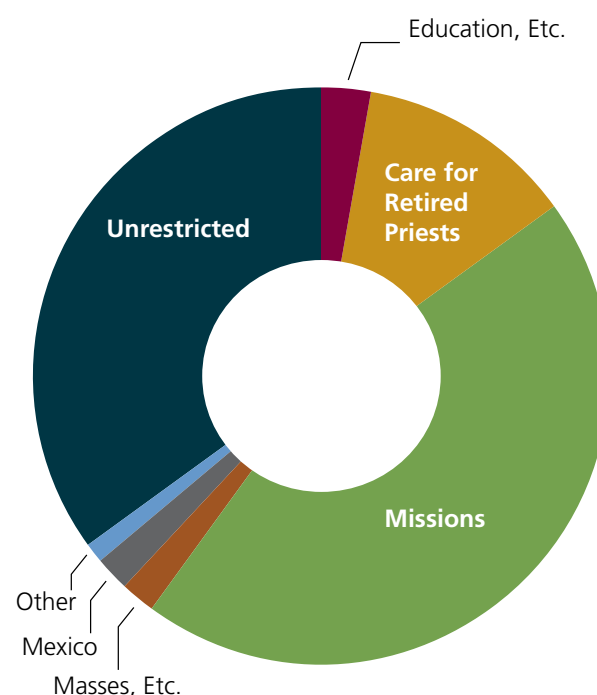
Sources of Gifts



2017-2018

Footsteps Campaign	\$28,538.19
Campaign	\$6,000,028.22
Planned Gifts	\$377,861.75
Annual Gifts	\$4,279,440.00
Grants	\$211,624.00
Masses, Enrollments, Confraternity	\$233,392.24
Mission Appeals	\$129,068.29
Total	\$11,259,952.69

Gift Designations



2017-2018

Education, Formation, Vocations	\$342,907.66
Care for Retired Priests	\$1,378,814.62
Missions	\$5,015,671.87
Masses, Enrollments, Confraternity	\$258,392.24
Mexico	\$297,403.47
Other*	\$10,144.50
Unrestricted	\$3,956,618.33
Total	\$11,259,952.69

*Other includes Shrines, Holy Cross in Portland and Work with the Poor

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2017-2018 Fiscal Year Overview

U.S. Province Operating Expenses \$20.190 million



31%

Member Support and Housing

Provides all basic needs to our priests, brothers, deacons, novices, postulants, and seminarians, including operational costs for all U.S. Province residences



31%

Member Healthcare

Operational funding of Holy Cross House; subsidizing of dental and health insurance premiums; assisted living; support of wellness initiatives, health assessments, and development of wellness program strategies; assurance of quality health care and facilities



4%

Missions and Other

Includes costs of contributing to international missions and to the annual budget of the Holy Cross Mission Center



10%

Leadership and Administration

Includes all administrative and leadership costs including travel, office and staff costs, and legal and professional expenses



13%

Vocations, Education and Formation

Includes all costs of vocations, our seminary and novitiate and our undergraduate seminary program at the University of Notre Dame. Also includes the cost of Holy Cross in pursuit of advanced studies



5%

Fundraising

Includes all costs of the Office of Development, including staff, travel and the cost of the marketing and communications with U.S. Province donors



6%

Property Management

Includes depreciation and costs to maintain properties and vehicles

Thank You!

The United States Province of Priests and Brothers thanks you for your prayers and support. Your commitment and care will not only provide for our current healthcare and mission needs, but also help us educate and prepare your future Holy Cross priests and brothers.

Holy Cross Mission Center Distributions \$6.8 million

3%

Haiti

Holy Cross Mission Center coordinates special mission initiatives, like relief efforts in Haiti after the earthquake and helping rebuild Holy Cross Pere Basile Moreau School

11%

South America

The District of Chile includes schools, parishes and social services to abandoned and abused children, as well as to homebound adults, the rural and urban poor, and newly arrived immigrants to the country. Lay formation, youth ministry and the works of social justice are highlighted at all of the ministries. Santiago, Chile is also home to the new International House of Formation, where young men from six countries are preparing for their life in Holy Cross. Saint George's College and Colegio Andacollo continue to be centers for learning and service to the wider community, and Family Rosary serves a number of dioceses there.

The District of Perú includes Parroquia el Señor de la Esperanza (Lord of Hope Parish), in Canto Grande, Lima, serving 250,000 parishioners in one of the most impoverished areas of Lima; Colegio Fe y Alegría school which serves about 2,000 students, including pre-kindergarten, technical job training students and special education; the District began the "Yancana Huasy" project more than 30 years ago to assist the families of children with physical and mental challenges, especially Down Syndrome and cerebral palsy. The District of Perú also has two houses of formation.

6%

Management, General and Fundraising

Staffing needs; international travel to complete missionary work; printing costs; events

14%

Bangladesh

Sacred Heart of Jesus Province serves Bengali people in 14 parishes and schools, 10 of which serve tribal peoples. Schools and programs in Dhaka and Mymensingh offer top education opportunities and the new Notre Dame University of Bangladesh is making its mark on higher education. Family Rosary conducts many initiatives through the parishes and schools, making a real mark on the life of Catholics and Christians, and on society at-large.

66%

East Africa

The District of East Africa includes Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania – a total of almost 27,000 square miles serving several thousand parishioners; four parishes; Holy Cross Parish-Dandora Community, Brother Andre Medical Centre, specializing in prenatal and birth care for mothers and babies in this poor sector of 300,000 people; Holy Cross Bugembe in Jinja, which operates St. Andrew, St. Jude and Holy Cross Primary Schools, along with an HIV/AIDS program run out of the church; Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School in Jinja; St. Jude Tadeo Parish (Kyarusozi, Fort Portal) operates Kyarusozi Vocational Training School; St. Joseph Hill Secondary School draws students from the outlying villages; St. Brendan Parish (Kitete, Tanzania), in a very remote area, operates the Audrey Veldman Vocational Training Centre and Lostete Health Care Clinic; three new parishes in three new dioceses of Tanzania now serve the people of the area; a new clinic was established in Arusha, Tanzania; a new parish was established in Kampala, Uganda; Dandora, Nairobi, Kenya has also experienced the growth of a second parish church; and there are houses of formation for postulants, as well as a novitiate and post-novitiate located in Uganda and Kenya.

2017-2018 Fiscal Year Overview

U.S. Province Endowment Composition \$150 million



49%

Healthcare/
Retirement



35%

Education and
Formation



9%

Plant



3%

Missions

Other

4%

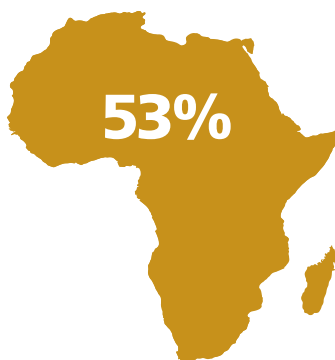
Notes

The Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers has a general endowment that supports annual capital operating expenses, an endowment for the healthcare needs of our religious in Holy Cross House, and one specifically for education – which is used to fund the formation program and the education of the seminarians, as well as men in advanced studies.

Holy Cross Mission Center Endowment Composition \$52.9 million



South America



East Africa



Bangladesh

12%
Other Needs

2%
Undesignated/
Unrestricted

Notes

Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Holy Cross Mission Center was established in 1923 by several brothers and priests under the leadership of Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C. It supports locations for which the U.S. Province has direct jurisdiction: Districts of Chile, East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda), Perú and the Region of México – as well as areas with which the U.S. Province has a special relationship, for example the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of Bangladesh, the Province in Haiti and the District of West Africa sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross.

Mission Center efforts provide assistance and hospitality; health care; logistical support to members of the U.S. Province and religious from throughout the Congregation visiting the United States; scholarship awards through the Universities of Notre Dame and Portland for Holy Cross indigenous religious; and educational and volunteer opportunities with parishes and schools.

Wounds in a Resurrected Body

A Spiritual Reflection BY REV. JEFFREY COOPER, C.S.C.



I have always been perplexed by a single moment in the Gospel of John (20:24-29): The appearance of the Risen Christ to Thomas. Why does the risen Jesus appear with the wounds of crucifixion still in his body? And furthermore, why is he so closely and truly identified by those very same wounds?

*I have discovered something as of late in my own spiritual life and it is the intimate and intrinsic relationship between forgiveness and belief. Thomas, in the gospel passage, states fiercely not just **doubt**, but a willfulness: "I will not believe" (Jn. 20:25). He is not just being petulant. Thomas articulates the same cry that comes from every person who understands him or herself as existentially unforgiven and unforgiveable. Thomas is hurt. Thomas is wounded. The man, the teacher, the rabbi, the **Messiah** he loved is dead. To him the cruel, inexplicable logic of the world inexorably trundles along: there is nothing to hope in! And Thomas knows in his grief how he failed the Lord, he ran from the man he loved when that man was taken away. Thomas is wounded, not just by his own sin though, but by something that reaches far deeper, a fear that he fundamentally exists as unforgiveable.*

So Jesus, the crucified and risen, Christ comes to him exposing the wounds of crucifixion in a resurrected body, inviting Thomas to locate his own particular woundedness in those wounds by which we are all healed (Isaiah 53:5).

And then Thomas, in a marvelous moment, states the belief his unforgiveness once forbade: "My Lord and my God." (Jn. 20:28). Placing his wounds in Christ wounds Thomas finds those wounds healed. Thomas experiences himself as fundamentally forgiven. He is free to believe because he has been freely forgiven. He exists now as a man forgiven and forgivable. Will Thomas fall again? Yes! Will Thomas sin again? Yes! But that is all a very different reality when you believe, at the heart of who you are, you are forgiven.

I suggest we live in divisive times today mainly because too many of us are living trapped in the illusion that we ourselves are unforgiven and unforgiveable. And because of this we live our lives out of the wounds of a crucified body. Wounds we keep picking at and gashing open anew because we are convinced we deserve no better. And what are the effects of this endless wound-gashing? We

gash open the wounds of our brothers and sisters as well.

We pay forward the lie that they too are unforgiven and unforgiveable. The results? Division, polarization, anger, resentment, fear and the sweet addiction of self-justified revenge. To live in this unforgiveness is to live in unbelief.

Let's allow the crucified and risen Jesus to come among us anew beyond the season of Lent. Let him expose to us his wounds in a resurrected body so we might find our woundedness healed in him and our crucified selves transformed. Each one of us still wounded, but now bearing wounds in a resurrected and forever forgiven self. Will we still fall? Yes! Will we still sin? Yes! But it's a whole different reality when you believe that at the heart of who you are, you are forgiven.

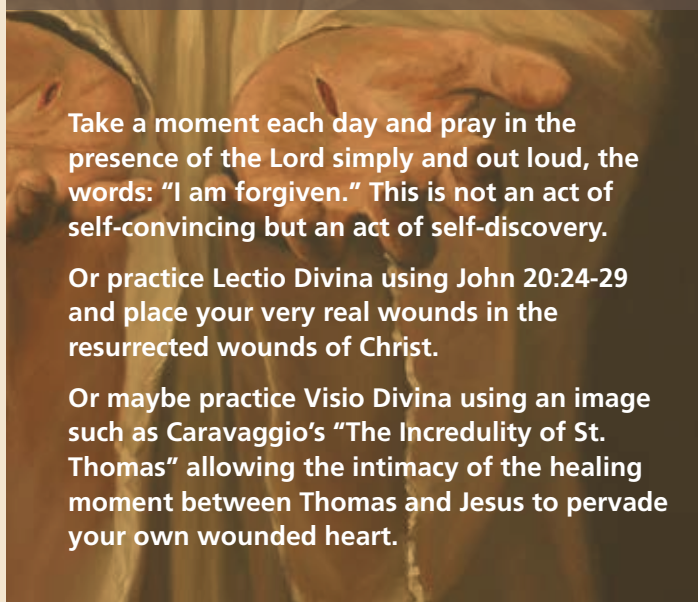
May we say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God" and become the forgiveness, and the forgivers, our world so desperately needs today. The more forgiven we realize we are the more our capacity to believe in that forgiveness for our brothers and sisters grows as well. By his wounds, and somehow remarkably, by our wounds in his ... we are healed.

Spiritual Practice Suggestions

Take a moment each day and pray in the presence of the Lord simply and out loud, the words: "I am forgiven." This is not an act of self-convincing but an act of self-discovery.

Or practice Lectio Divina using John 20:24-29 and place your very real wounds in the resurrected wounds of Christ.

Or maybe practice Visio Divina using an image such as Caravaggio's "The Incredulity of St. Thomas" allowing the intimacy of the healing moment between Thomas and Jesus to pervade your own wounded heart.



Mission Center Updates

The Holy Cross Mission Center (HCMC) furthers the work of our missions in several parts of the world, crossing borders of every sort, though never losing sight of the fact that the United States itself was a mission of the Congregation. While the United States has become a seat for the HCMC, the center's responsibilities and sensibilities lie everywhere — the HCMC is just as international as the mission carried out worldwide in its four major areas of support — women and children; immigrants, refugees and indigenous people; environment and care for our common home; and peace awareness and initiatives. To learn more about these four areas of support, please visit Cornerstones.HolyCrossUSA.org.

Please enjoy a roundup of just a few of the many recent news and events related to the HCMC and our missionary priests:

Yancana Huasy Received \$100,000 Opus Prize

On November 15, 2018, at the University of Portland, José Antonio Patrón Quispe and Rev. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C., of Yancana Huasy in Lima, Perú, were awarded one of two \$100,000 prizes at the Opus Prize 2018 ceremony. The Opus Prize is one of the world's largest faith-based awards for social entrepreneurship and University of Portland students and faculty partnered with the Opus Prize Foundation to select finalists for the 2018 awards. Each year the Opus Prize Foundation chooses one Catholic university to help it award one \$1 million and two \$100,000 prizes recognizing individuals who are addressing persistent and pressing social problems. While the Opus Prize Foundation partners with Catholic universities to award the Opus Prize, the individual or organization receiving it may

have roots in any faith. Established by Fr. Panchot and led today by José Antonio Patrón, Yancana Huasy works to integrate children and families with special needs into public schools, faith communities and neighborhoods.

World Youth Day 2019

The Holy Cross Mission Center and Holy Cross Family Ministries were on hand at the 2019 World Youth Day in Panama, January 22-27, 2019. The Holy Cross General Administration organized attendance at the event, where all Holy Cross and lay colleagues shared the work and ministries of the Congregation around the world. It was also a great opportunity for our religious to talk to young men and women considering or discerning vocations to religious life.

Rev. Mike DeLaney, C.S.C., director of the Holy Cross Mission Center (HCMC), traveled to Panama on behalf of the HCMC and was blown away by the amazing gathering of youth, ministers, and even the Pope. "Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims journey to World Youth Day to encounter Christ, their global neighbors, and Pope Francis, and this World Youth Day did not disappoint. It is such a witness to the desires of the hearts of our young people today that they are seeking the knowledge and spiritual connection that pervades at an event of this magnitude. I'm proud to have been on hand to share with these youth what can be made possible in the life of a Holy Cross priest or brother — look at the lives so many of

The honored group from and representing Yancana Huasy at the Opus Prize Ceremony. Honorees, Fr. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C., founder, and Jose Antonio Quispe Patron, Executive Director, and his family.





Holy Cross from around the world gather for a picture together at World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. Left to Right: Fr. Jomon Kalladanthiyil, C.S.C., from India, seminarian Joy Biswas from Bangladesh (who is studying in Montreal), Fr. David Halm, C.S.C., from Chile, Fr. Larry Mwenya, C.S.C., from Kenya, Br. Ripon Gomes, C.S.C., from Bangladesh in the General Administration, Fr. Mike DeLaney, C.S.C., Director of HCMC, Bishop Jorge Izaguirre from Perú, Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., Vicar General, Daniel Romero, a postulant from Canada, Julius Rozario, from Bangladesh (studying in Montreal), Fr. Pinto Paul, C.S.C., from India and at Family Ministries, seminarian Gabriel Fuentes from Chile.

our Holy Cross have lived with the grace and mercy of our Lord and His Divine Providence. Yet, there is no mission too small in the hearts of those that have a vocation. Whether or not that vocation is to be a priest or brother, we all can aspire to bring about the healing, teaching, praying and leading demonstrated by these Great Men.”

World Mission Sunday

For a second year, the Holy Cross Mission Center worked with seven Holy Cross colleges and universities to promote international missions. In October and November, every student who attended the designated World Mission Sunday (WMS) Masses at Holy Cross College (IN), King's College (PA), Saint Mary's College (IN), St. Edward's University (TX), Stonehill College (MA), University of Notre Dame (IN), and University of Portland (OR), heard about the mission of Holy Cross across the globe and was offered an opportunity to support the mission through a free-will offering. All donations benefitted programs for immigrants, refugees, and indigenous peoples served by the Congregation of Holy Cross. We thank our colleagues at all the colleges and universities, as well as the many Holy Cross priests who presided at each campus and dorm Mass.

HCMC Emergency Fund Boosted with Help of Giving Tuesday Donors

Our missions around the globe serve the poor and they do not have extra funds to cover emergencies, such as the damage incurred by the earthquake in Haiti last fall, or the needs of the Rohingya refugees seeking protection and care in Bangladesh. Both the Haitian parishes, which are at the heart of the community, and the refugee camps, which provide safety and protect the dignity of human life, are essential

and call us to respond. With your help, the HCMC Emergency Fund will continue providing the stability and services that Holy Cross schools and ministries need to continue serving our brothers and sisters with limited hindrance when disaster strikes. This fund is kept in reserve for use when there are truly emergent needs at our various missions. This year's donations, totaling over \$2,700, benefit the needed support in Haiti following the magnitude 5.9 earthquake which devastated the country and greatly impacted Holy Cross parishes, schools, and ministries.

Construction Update – Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School

Located in the Diocese of Jinja, Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School is the cornerstone of the Congregation of Holy Cross' educational mission in Uganda. Holy Cross Lake View was founded in 1993 by Rev. Robert Hesse, C.S.C., and was located in an abandoned one-room schoolhouse.

The school currently educates over 820 students and boards over 90% of students in single-sex dormitories. Students come from all over Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania to attend this school because of its reputation and success. Holy Cross Lake View is ranked among the top 50 schools in Uganda and is nationally recognized for its academic excellence.

Holy Cross Lake View has come a long way from that one-room schoolhouse! Construction of a new campus is underway and progressing quickly: A completed boys' dormitory currently houses over 300 boys and has capacity for 500 plus; a four-story, 28-classroom academic and administration building is nearly complete; and a girls' dormitory is under construction and nearly complete. When done, it will be able to house over 500 girls. ✚

Five Ordained Holy Cross Priests



Rev. Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., Rev. Karl Romkema, C.S.C., Rev. Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., Rev. Michael Thomas, C.S.C., and Rev. Bryan Williams, C.S.C., were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The Most Reverend William A. Wack, C.S.C., Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Fr. Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., is the second of three children of David and Christine Kennedy of Pequot Lakes, Minn. He entered formation with the Congregation in 2008 as an Old Collegian and professed First Vows on August 3, 2013.

Fr. Kennedy served his diaconate year at St. John Vianney Parish Catholic Church and School, Good-year, Ariz. Prior to his ordination as a transitional deacon, he served as a religious education catechist, Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, Ind. (postulant year); volunteer, Penrose-St. Francis Hospital, Sacred Heart Parish, Colorado (novitiate year); Church social action

associate, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., (first year professed); preparing couples for marriage at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, Ind., (second year of temporary vows); Catholic Peace Fellowship (third year of temporary vows); St. Ignatius Martyr Parish and School, Austin, TX (fourth year of temporary vows); RCIA, University of Notre Dame Campus Ministry, Notre Dame, Ind., (fifth year of temporary vows). Fr. Kennedy also served each summer from 2012 to 2017 in the following ministries: André House, Phoenix, Ariz. (2012), My Brother's Keeper, South Easton, Mass. (2013), Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (2014), Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz, Guadalupe, Nueva Leon, México (2015), Saint George's College, Santiago, Chile (2016), The Farm at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass. (2017). Fr. Kennedy earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2012, and earned his M.Div. from the same in 2018.

Fr. Karl Romkema, C.S.C., is the second of nine children of Mike and Karen Romkema of Clarkston, Mich. Fr. Romkema served as a deacon at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, Texas.

During his formation, Fr. Romkema served in the Strong Fathers Program at the Women's Care Center, South Bend, Ind. (2014-15); teaching, Jinja, Uganda (Summer 2015); RCIA, University of Notre Dame Campus Ministry, Notre Dame, Ind. (2015-16); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Summer 2016); Basil Moreau Spiritual Exercise Groups (2016-17); assistant rector, O'Neill Family Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. (2017-18).

He graduated with a B.A. in philosophy and theology from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2013, where he also earned his M.Div. in 2018. He entered Holy Cross in 2009 as an Old Collegian. He made his First Profession of Vows on August 2, 2014.

Fr. Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., is the sixth of eleven children of Robert and Mary Ginn Ryan of Columbus, Ohio, and has a younger brother, Michael, who is a Holy Cross Novice. Fr. Ryan served his diaconate as a rector of Keough Hall at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

Prior to his diaconate year, Fr. Ryan served as an RCIA team member at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind. (Aug. 2012-May 2013); in the Tax Assistance Program at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. (Spring 2013); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Summer 2013); Penrose-Saint Francis Medical Center, chaplain, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Aug. 2013-July 2014); Catholic Worker, South Bend, Ind. (Aug. 2014-May 2015); Holy Cross Missions, Uganda (Summer 2015); Holy Cross General Chapter, Technology and Logistics, Rome, Italy (Summer 2016); assistant director, Old College Undergraduate Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind. (2016-2017); Family Theater Productions, intern, Hollywood, Calif. (Summer 2017); assistant rector, Keough Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. (2017-2018).

Fr. Ryan graduated with a B.B.A. in accounting and minor in theology from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2008 and earned his M.Ed. (ACE) from the University in 2010, and his M.Div. in 2018. He entered Holy Cross in August 2012 as a postulant,



Fr. Kennedy



Fr. Romkema



Fr. Ryan



Fr. Thomas



Fr. Williams

and made his First Profession of Vows on August 2, 2014.

Fr. Michael Thomas, C.S.C., is the oldest of two children of Wayne and Karin Thomas of Lakeville, Ind. Fr. Thomas served his diaconate at St. George's College, Santiago, Chile.

Prior to his diaconate year, Fr. Thomas assisted Holy Cross ministries in Monterrey, México (Taman and San Luis Potosí, Summer 2013); Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore. (Winter 2014); St. George's College, Santiago, Chile (Summer 2015); General Chapter, Rome, Italy (Summer 2016); St. Adalbert's/St. Casimir Parishes, South Bend, Ind. (Summer 2017-2018).

Fr. Thomas earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 2012, and earned his M.Div. from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. in 2018. He entered Holy Cross in August 2012 as a postulant, and made his First Profession of Vows on August 2, 2014.

Fr. Bryan Williams, C.S.C., is the eldest of three children of Warren and Melanie Williams of Sugar Land, Texas. Fr. Williams served his diaconate at Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.

Prior to his diaconate year, Fr. Williams served at St. Adalbert's/St. Casimir Parishes (First Communion Class during his postulant year) in South Bend, Ind.; Center for the Homeless, tutor, South Bend, Ind.; Parroquia Nuestra Madre Santísima de La Luz, Guadalupe, Nueva Leon, México (Summer 2015); M.Div. intern, Multicultural Student Ministries, Campus Ministry, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.; Colegio Fe y Alegría #25 and Rosario en Familia in Lima, Peru (Summer 2016); facilitator, Satellite Theological Education Program (STEP), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.; assist, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada (Summer 2017); assistant director, Old College, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

Fr. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., in 2013, and earned his M.Div. from the University in 2018. He entered Holy Cross in August 2009 as an Old Collegian. He made his First Profession of Vows on August 2, 2014. ✠

Sustained

by Their Service

When I sold my business in 2010, my wife, Ellen and I saw that event as an opportunity to act on our long-held and often expressed beliefs and appreciation for two religious communities. Both of these groups had profoundly positive impacts on our formation, our education and our lives and we wanted to share this appreciation in a special way.

For Ellen, it was the Sisters of the Religious Teachers Fillipini at Villa Victoria Academy in New Jersey. For me, it was the Congregation of Holy Cross priests and brothers, particularly those who served at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill. and at the University of Notre Dame.

While in elementary school at a nearby parish, I eagerly looked forward to attending Notre Dame High School For Boys (now known as Notre Dame College Prep). Early in the summer of 1959 after that grammar school graduation and while returning home from one of my part-time jobs, the car in which I was riding was hit by a drunk driver. I suffered multiple fractures of both legs and spent the next three months in the hospital in traction. When released to go home, I was confined to a hospital bed because I was totally immobilized with full leg casts on both legs.

It seemed that my hopes to attend Notre Dame



High School were ended or, at the very least, would be delayed indefinitely.

My father had been an Air Force pilot who, after serving for the duration of World War II, had died in a plane crash during the Korean War. Thus, at the time of the accident, my mother was a single mom and she took it upon herself to find out how it would affect my education. She went to Notre Dame High School to explain the situation to Fr. James d'Autremont, the founding Principal, Fr. John VanWolvear, Assistant Principal, and Fr. John Corcoran, Director of Studies. They made a truly amazing offer. To the extent possible, the freshman course teachers would come to our home every week to tutor me. They did so on a regular basis. They each spent countless hours at our home. They reviewed my assignments, gave me homework and administered my tests. This special arrangement was in place for Freshman Year and I was able to complete four of my five courses with the extraordinary efforts of Fr. Tom Seidel, C.S.C., Fr. James Blaes, C.S.C. and Fr. Ron Zell, C.S.C. By the end of Freshman Year, my recovery was proceeding and I was able to be mobile in a wheelchair and then on crutches. These arrangements allowed me to complete the fifth freshman year course during summer school. The end result was that I was able to begin my Sophomore Year on schedule and with my classmates.

Over the next three years, I learned so much from the examples of other Holy Cross men, especially critical thinking skills from Fr. Tom Tallarida, C.S.C., and Fr. Ralph Luczak, C.S.C., and the importance of service from Fr. Joseph Stroot, C.S.C., and Br. Ron Whalen, C.S.C. After graduation, I continued my education at the University of Notre Dame and received my B.A. there.

All of that progress began with the special accommodations made by Fr. d'Autremont, his staff and faculty, and was made possible by the exceptional efforts and dedication of an outstanding group of Holy Cross men. I shall be forever grateful.

Thus, when given the opportunity, we wanted to recognize, in a special way, the role of the Congregation of Holy Cross in my life and in sustaining the

priorities of education and service that they bring to the character of Notre Dame High School and the University of Notre Dame. In particular, we wanted to support the aging and retired Holy Cross priests and brothers through a gift to the University. After many discussions, phone calls and emails with Patrick Hickey and others in the University's Development Department, we concluded that, for various legal reasons, such a gift could not be made to or through the University. It could only be made directly to the Congregation's own capital campaign and we did so. Fr. Ed Obermiller, C.S.C., was particularly helpful in this effort.

This donation satisfied one of our personal goals, namely support and care for retired and aging Holy Cross priests and brothers. However, we still searched for a means to help sustain the future with the strong character of Holy Cross and its influence on the University. To that end, we set up and funded the Thomas C. Conoscenti Family Scholarship Fund at the University. The annual proceeds are now used to cover educational expenses of Holy Cross seminarians, priests or brothers attending the University of Notre Dame.

In these ways and with this two-pronged approach, we believe that we honor and acknowledge both the lifetimes of service by the current priests and brothers and, in some measure, help to assure that the future Holy Cross values are strongly represented at Notre Dame and other Holy Cross institutions, missions and parishes.

— Thomas and Ellen Conoscenti

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Ave Maria Press

NEWS BRIEFS

Ave Maria Press was founded by Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., in 1865 and is recognized as a leader in publishing Catholic high school religion textbooks, ministry resources, and books on prayer and spirituality. Ave Maria Press is a ministry of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers.

Promotions



Karey Circosta has been named associate publisher at Ave Maria Press by Thomas Grady, publisher and CEO. Circosta, who has worked at Ave for 15 years, also will remain director of sales and

marketing. Under her leadership, Ave's sales and marketing efforts have significantly increased sales, particularly in high school religion textbooks and trade books. She also strengthened Ave's relationship with key distributors, including Ingram, Baker & Taylor, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. The company also launched its new Parish Book Program and *Ave Explores* during Circosta's tenure as vice president and director of sales and marketing. Two members of Ave's editorial department also have been promoted.



Heidi Hess Saxton has been named senior acquisitions editor. She worked as an editor at Ave from 2013 to 2015 and then rejoined the company as an acquisition editor in 2017. She has been responsible for

acquiring books by notable authors such as Kelly Wahlquist, Sara Christmyer, Sonja Corbitt, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, and Maria Morera Johnson.



Eileen Ponder has been named executive editor, ministry resources. She has worked at Ave for 15 years. Ponder is responsible for the *Rebuilt Parish* series, including the award-winning and bestselling

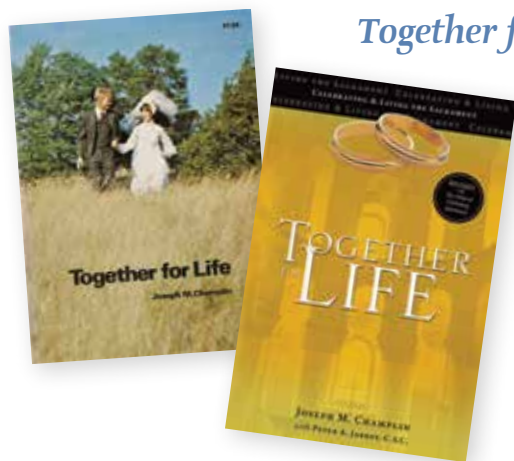
Rebuilt by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. Ponder developed Ave's marriage preparation program, *Joined by Grace*, in conjunction with authors John and Teri Bosio. She also updated *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony* ritual cards, as well as *Together for Life*, to reflect the Church's new translation. Ponder has edited books by authors including Lisa M. Hendey, Ann M. Garrido, Bill Simon, Katie Prejean McGrady, and Deacon Greg Kandra.

Ave Explores Initiative

In the fall of 2018, Ave Maria Press began a new initiative called *Ave Explores*, which takes an in-depth look at issues facing the Catholic Church. The first topic in the series was the Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment, which was held in Rome from Oct. 3-28. A free, comprehensive Ave Explores guide to the Synod is available at <https://www.avemariapress.com/synod2018/>.



Together for Life Surpasses 10 Million Copies Sold



Together for Life, (TFL) the bestselling and most trusted source for wedding planning in the Catholic Church, has surpassed 10 million copies sold. Now in its sixth edition, TFL includes all the tools engaged couples use when meeting with a priest, deacon, or lay parish minister to plan their weddings and prepare for living the Sacrament of marriage. It is used to plan about 80 percent of Catholic weddings in the United States.

It was written by Msgr. Joseph Champlin (1930-2008) and first published in 1970. Rev. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., added catechetical content to a later edition and helped update it to include the revised liturgical texts of the third edition of the Roman Missal. TFL was last updated in 2016 to include all of the necessary texts from *The Order of Celebrating Matrimony*.

“Msgr. Joseph Champlin’s gift to Ave Maria Press is a continued blessing to us and indeed to the Church, to the Congregation of Holy Cross, and of course to the married couples who have used the book to prepare not only for their wedding but for their marriage,” said publisher Thomas Grady. “We don’t take this legacy for granted.”

Together for Life will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2020. The material in TFL is supported by **TogetherforLifeOnline.com**. The booklet is also available in Spanish.

New Edition of Venerable Patrick Peyton Autobiography Includes His Cause for Sainthood

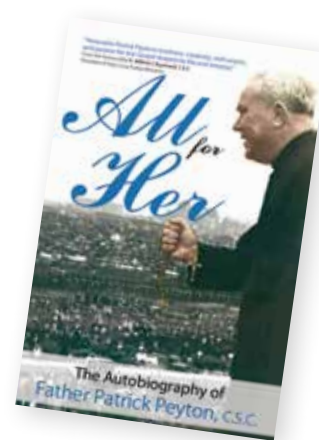
Ave Maria Press is releasing a new edition of the autobiography of Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., who was given the title of “venerable” by Pope Francis in December 2017, making the “Rosary Priest” another step closer to sainthood.

Originally published in 1967 and reissued in a revised edition in 1997, the third edition of *All for Her* includes black-and-white photos and a new foreword by Holy Cross Family Ministries President Rev. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., reflecting on Peyton’s legacy as a saint for family prayer and his cause for canonization.

Peyton - the Irish-born priest best known for the inspirational phrases “the family that prays together stays together” and “a world at prayer is a world at peace” - encouraged family prayer and devotion to the rosary, something he learned in his own family, throughout his ministry.

When Peyton was diagnosed with advanced tuberculosis, he prayed to the Virgin Mary and his health quickly began to improve. In gratitude he committed his vocation to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother and the rosary. Peyton embraced the new media as a means to reach people across the globe, and developed radio and television programs that spread a message of prayer and family unity. He founded Family Theater Productions in 1947.

Peyton also preached to millions in person, organizing 260 Rosary Crusades across the globe. Peyton continued to be active until the 1990s and died in 1992. In 1997, the cause for his canonization was opened.



Above all Gratitude

The phone calls remain vivid forty-two years later.

The first occurred on Mother's Day 1977, May 7 to be precise. I called my mom to chat and wish her well. You know, the usual perfunctory call. It soon became unusual. After a minute or two exchanging niceties, she asked me, "what's wrong?"

"Nothing's wrong," I replied. After all, I was working and supporting our young family. Even though it wasn't an ideal job I planned to eventually find something better suited to my skills and temperament. I had said nothing to her to indicate any level of dissatisfaction, and she didn't even have my palms handy to read!

The short version of the rest of her part of the conversation was to tell me she knew I was unhappy and that she was going "to start a novena today that you'll get a job at a good Catholic University." Only from an Irish mother! I didn't think much of it, other than to explain to my convert wife that a novena was daily prayer for nine days for a special intention.

Then came the second call. On Monday May 16 (you do the count) I got a call late in the day from a former employer. Tom had just returned from a convention where he had dinner with an old friend and book publisher who told him he was looking for someone to direct his editorial department.

"You're perfect for this job Frankie," he said. "I told that to Father Reedy. I told him that if I could afford to, I'd hire you and keep you on the back burner until I needed you. He wants you to get in touch." He gave me a phone number and added with unnerving certitude that the job was "mine to lose."

So I got in touch with Father John Reedy, C.S.C., and flew from the mountains to the heart of the prairie for an interview at Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame, an interview that went very well. Although Ave Maria was not a Notre Dame operation, being on campus was close enough to meet my mom's standards.

That August I embarked on the next phase of my career and renewed a relationship with Holy Cross that had begun when I was a 14-year old freshman at an Albany, N.Y. high school staffed by the Brothers, and continued intermittently in the intervening years, particularly in Vermont with Father Gartland.

Rooted in Relationships

When I reflect on that high school preparation and my 27 plus years at Ave Maria Press, several words come to mind: **collaboration, trust, and gratitude**. All of which were rooted in relationships.

When I retired in 2005, I was grateful to escape the responsibility, regimentation, and repetitiveness of the

GLEND A MEEKINS - THE FLORIDA CATHOLIC



Several members of the Cocoa Beach Holy Cross community participated in a retreat for retired priests in the Orlando Diocese at which Frank Cunningham was a presenter. Pictured from the left are: Fr. Tom Shea, C.S.C., Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C., Cunningham, Fr. Bill Persia, C.S.C., Fr. Brad Beaupre, C.S.S., and Fr. Larry Jerge, C.S.C.

workplace, but I quickly and sorely missed the relationships – with my fellow workers, the authors, and the owner-directors. Together, we had built something of note over three decades – a Catholic book publishing ministry that was a go-to resource for parishes and Catholic high schools; a respected source of books on spirituality and personal enrichment for readers, and a collaborative and trusted colleague for authors.

Fr. Reedy hired me, in part, because he admired a regional slick magazine I had edited. He was a magazine guy at heart, a journalist still feeling the sting of the demise of *The Ave Maria* magazine. The Press had staked its future on book publishing. Although it had published occasional titles throughout its 100 plus year history, it was now only a few years into programmatic publishing and was thus loose and ill-shaped. Lay collaboration was well established having been part of the Holy Cross experience for decades. Father Reedy was the only priest on staff and six brothers still worked throughout the business. He had assembled a talented and dedicated staff – among others there was Charlie Jones, a direct marketing whiz; Ken Hall, an accomplished financial manager; and Ken Peters and Gene Geissler, experienced book editors. All had morphed from magazines to books.

But no one was holding the editorial tiller. I was hired for that and was charged with several tasks: develop a broad-based publishing program to shift away from what had become an almost exclusive reflection of the Charismatic Renewal; recruit authors and develop titles rather than depending on the influx of unsolicited manuscripts; and improve the level of writing in our books which reflected a light editorial touch at best.

From this we developed the familiar three-pronged program – trade books, parish-based programs, and adolescent catechesis and Catholic high school textbooks.

Fr. Reedy died in December 1983 to be succeeded by Dave Schlaver several months later. Whereas John Reedy challenged me, coached me, even occasionally needled me, Dave invested in me – intensive workshops first in management, then accounting at the University of Michigan, and an immersion program in desktop publishing in Boston, a phenomena then in its infancy.

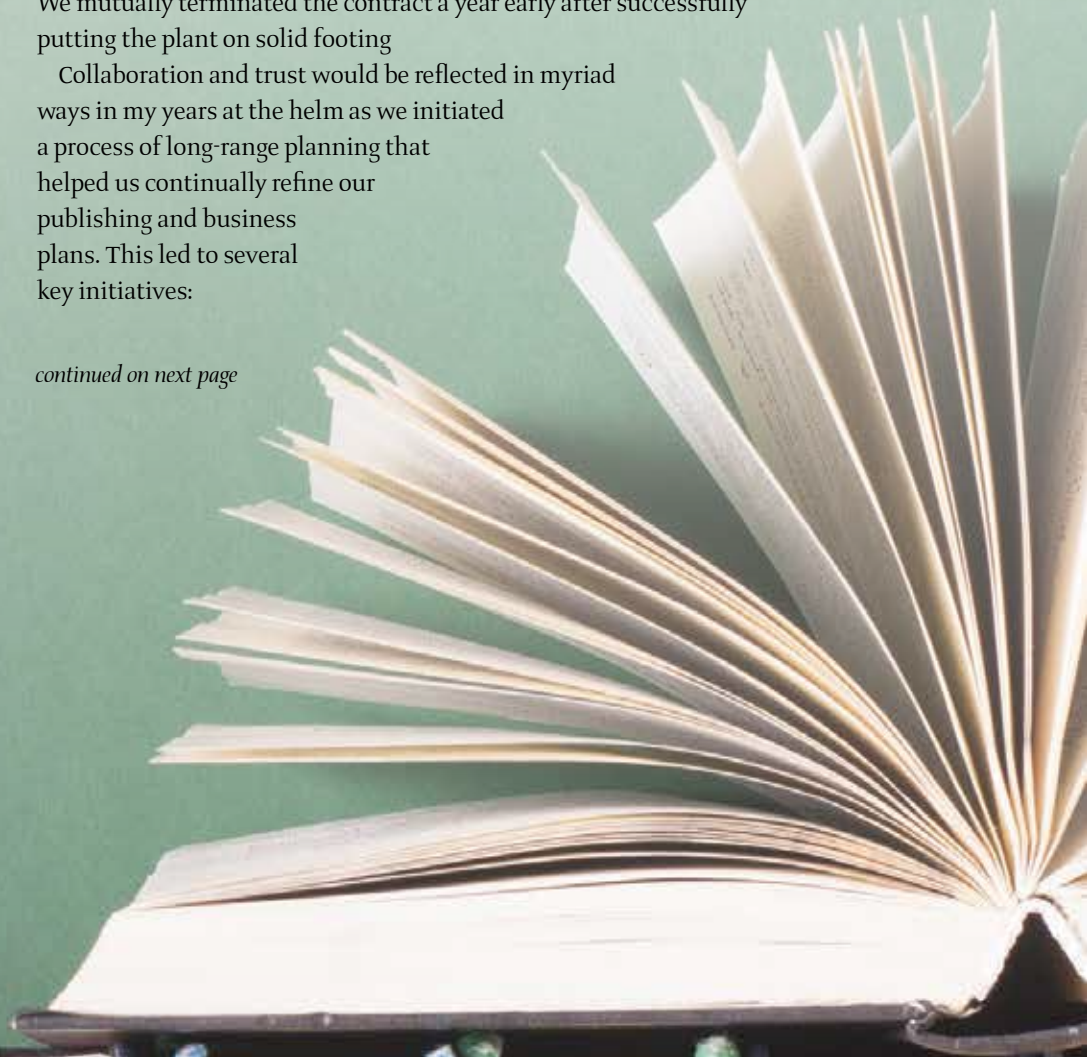
The publishing program grew steadily under Dave's managing as did the implementation of best practices. However, rapid technological changes, the high cost of capitalization, and market challenges were a constant headache for the printing plant. He made some difficult and sometimes painful decisions to stay the course. Dave was very engaged. He even managed the much-needed renovation of our office space.

A Radical Plan

The Board of Directors named me interim publisher in the summer of 1993 and publisher about a year later. With Paul Doyle as chair, the Board of Directors was supportive as I launched various initiatives in ensuing years. Although hard to acknowledge, it became clear that we did not have the talent to manage a modern printing plant – myself included. I presented a somewhat radical plan to the Board – at that time all community members – to outsource the management of the plant for five years to a specialist group out of Chicago. Valid questions were raised and intense discussions held, but the Board showed a high degree of trust in authorizing the move. The management group quickly modernized our systems, streamlined our production, and taught our managers how to stand on their own effectively. We mutually terminated the contract a year early after successfully putting the plant on solid footing.

Collaboration and trust would be reflected in myriad ways in my years at the helm as we initiated a process of long-range planning that helped us continually refine our publishing and business plans. This led to several key initiatives:

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- Sorin Books was our effort to reach beyond denominational constraints to present the wisdom of Catholicism to a broad audience – a gift with no strings attached so to speak. We wanted to break out of the religion section of the bookstore into area such as family life, spirituality, and personal enrichment. To do so would require an investment that would likely reduce our annual distribution to the Province. When some Board members expressed hesitancy, Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C., stepped forward to point out that Sorin Books was about evangelization and we received Board approval and support.
- A chance conversation I had with a power plant manager in the Credit Union led to a much needed new building. Both the Press and power plant were struggling with expansion needs that were, in effect, constricted by being neighbors. Discussion literally began that afternoon: after multiple negotiations with the University and extra board meetings, an agreement was reached for the power plant to take over our facility in exchange for a new Press building on Douglas Road. Although the University absorbed the lion's share of the cost, the Press invested over a million dollars in upgrades to meet our work and growth needs. Paul Doyle made the new building his task so we could focus on operations. It was no small task, since it was fast tracked for nine months from ground breaking to occupancy.
- The acquisition and incorporation of other publishing houses into the Press was accepted as a valid means of growth. In 2003, we acquired Forest of Peace Books and Christian Classics, a move that strengthened our spiritual publishing program and offered us a new publishing category.

At 77, I don't feel like an old man and believe that life is still full of promise. But at 77, I reflect often on a blessed life and the wonderful opportunities that came my way, grateful for it all – from the woman who said yes

54 years ago, to the children and their families who make me so proud, to a career that became a calling. I understand why gratitude is the first movement of the spiritual life. Without it, everything else is disingenuous.

Holy Cross gave me the chance to participate in its ministry of the Word, a ministry dedicated to spreading the love of God. It literally entrusted a key apostolate to a group of dedicated and talented lay people including Bob Hamma, Mark Witbeck, Mary Andrews, Kristin Cooney, and Chuck Cealka. I'm grateful that Fr. John Reedy saw something in me that I wasn't sure of myself – with no book publishing experience I was, after all, an unlikely hire. He never did tell me why he took the risk.

I also know that Holy Cross was grateful to me for my service. Many community members have expressed such but two instances stand out. When I retired Nick Ayo offered me words I treasure: "You were Father Reedy's Gift to Holy Cross."

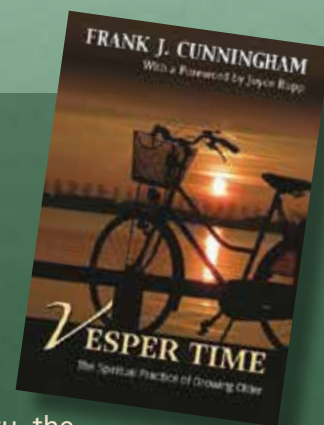
Then, many years later, I visited Fr. Warner, C.S.C., in his campus office. As we chatted about the past and things that had developed at the Press over the years, he commented, "We did good work together, didn't we?" So many years after leaving my key on my desk and walking out the front door for the last time, no one could have paid a simpler, kinder compliment.

– Frank J. Cunningham

Vesper Time Awards

Published in early 2017, Cunningham's book, *Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Old* has received several awards including:

- A Nautilus Award celebrating "better books for a better world." Widely known past Nautilus award winners include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Dalai Lama, Deepak Chopra, and Barbara Kingsolver.
- The 2017 Illumination Silver Medal for books on spirituality. Illumination awards are given by the journal *Independent Publisher* as a way of "shining a light on exemplary Christian Books."
- The Catholic Press Association's 2nd Place Award for books on spirituality as well as books by a first time author.



Celebrating Our *Jubilarians*

On Friday, May 24, 2019, 25 Congregation of Holy Cross priests and one Holy Cross brother celebrate their anniversaries of Ordination and First Vows, respectively.

Celebrating their 70th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood are Rev. George Bernard, C.S.C., and Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C. The entire list of Jubilarians is below, and many have shared their biographies and words of thanksgiving to the Lord for their great grace as Holy Cross religious. These biographies, as well as biographies from past Jubilees and pictures after the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving this year, will be available on the Province website at Jubilee.HolyCrossUSA.org.

Seventieth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. George Bernard, C.S.C.

Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C.

Rev. R.W. Timm, C.S.C.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, Bangladesh

Sixty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Richard Laurick, C.S.C.

Rev. Patrick Maloney, C.S.C.

Rev. Charles Wallen, C.S.C.

Sixtieth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Robert Austgen, C.S.C.

Rev. James Blantz, C.S.C.

Rev. John Ford, C.S.C.

Rev. John Keefe, C.S.C.

Rev. Joseph Long, C.S.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Joseph Carey, C.S.C.

Rev. Leonard Collins, C.S.C.

Rev. Richard Conyers, C.S.C.

Rev. Thomas King, C.S.C.

Rev. Richard Zang, C.S.C.

Fiftieth Anniversary of First Vows

Br. Thomas Giumenta, C.S.C.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination

Rev. Jeffrey Cooper, C.S.C.

Rev. John Dougherty, C.S.C.

Rev. Robert Dowd, C.S.C.

Rev. William Lies, C.S.C.

Rev. Jorge Mallea, C.S.C.

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Rev. John Patrick Riley, C.S.C.

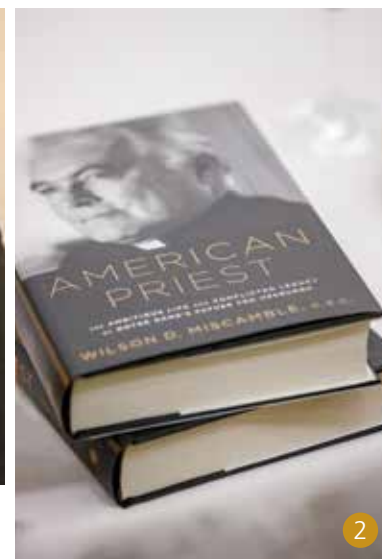
Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

Most Rev. William Wack, C.S.C.

Around Province



At the American Catholic Historical Association annual conference, from left to right: Rev. Walter Jenkins, C.S.C., Rev. Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C., Rev. James Connelly, C.S.C., Rev. Stephen Koeth, C.S.C., Rev. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C., and Rev. Richard Gribble, C.S.C.



NOTABLE MENTIONS

Rev. John DeRiso, C.S.C., will serve as director of vocations, beginning in August 2019. Fr. DeRiso professed Final Vows in 2001, and was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 2002. He has served for the last six years at the Shrine of our Founder in Le Mans, France. Before that, Fr. DeRiso served most recently as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Ind.

Rev. Dennis Strach, C.S.C., will also join the Office of Vocations as an assistant vocation director beginning summer 2019. Fr. Strach professed Final Vows in 2015, and was ordained in 2016, and is presently associate pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Austin,

Texas. Fr. DeRiso and Fr. Strach will work alongside **Rev. Tim Mouton, C.S.C.**, who will continue in his present role as an assistant vocation director.

The Generalate of the Congregation of Holy Cross was recently notified by the office of Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, the Congregation's Postulator, that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has issued a "Decree of Judicial Validity" for the cause of Servant of God, Archbishop Theotonius Ganguly. This Decree is an approval of the work submitted last spring by the Tribunal in the Archdiocese of Dhaka and brings to an official close the diocesan phase of the cause. Holy Cross can now proceed to

request the naming of a realtor for the writing of the required positio on the life and virtue of Archbishop Ganguly.

Originally ordained a diocesan priest, Archbishop Ganguly got to know the Congregation more intimately during graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. He entered the Congregation and professed Final Vows on August 16, 1952. Before becoming Archbishop of Dhaka, he served as principal of Notre Dame College. Almost at the same time, the Holy Cross Generalate received news that another of Congregation's canonization causes was also advancing. The Most Rev. Moses Costa, C.S.C.,

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chittagong, issued a Decree appointing the membership of the Historical Commission for the cause of Servant of God, Brother Flavian Laplante.

The Congregation of Holy Cross currently has one canonized saint, Saint André Bessette. The Congregation's founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, was beatified on September 15, 2007. Next along in the process of canonization is Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., known affectionately as the "Rosary Priest," who was declared Venerable (the last stage before beatification) on December 18, 2017. In addition to Archbishop Ganguly and Br. Flavian, one other Holy Cross

religious has been declared a Servant of God: Bishop Vincent McCauley, C.S.C., who after working in the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh and Uganda served with distinction as first bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda.

① January 3-5, 2019, the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA) gathered at the Chicago Hilton in Chicago, Illinois for its annual conference which also commemorated the Association's 100th anniversary. Several Holy Cross religious participated in various aspects of the conference. **Fr. Stephen M. Koeth, C.S.C.**, (Doctoral Candidate, Columbia University) was elected to a two-year term as the Graduate Student Representative to the ACHA Executive Council. **Fr. Thomas E. Blantz, C.S.C.**, (Professor Emeritus of History, University of Notre Dame) served as

presider and homilist for the ACHA's Eucharistic Liturgy. At the conference's Presidential Luncheon, **Fr. Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C.**, (Professor of History, University of Notre Dame) was awarded the Association's 2019 Distinguished Teaching Award. And **Fr. Richard Gribble, C.S.C.**, (Professor of Religious Studies, Stonehill College) completed his term as 2018 ACHA President.

Fr. Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C., recently published his biography of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., entitled *American Priest: The Ambitious Life and Conflicted Legacy of Notre Dame's Father Ted Hesburgh* (Image: New York, 2019). ② The book was formally launched at a gathering at *First Things* magazine in New York on March 12, with a reception and book signing at Notre Dame on March 26.

Rev. Harry Cronin, C.S.C., recently produced a play called

"My Will and My Life," about the Franciscan Priest, Father Mychal Judge who was chaplain of the New York City Fire Department. This is what Fr. Cronin wrote: "He was a first responder at 9/11 and its first registered death. He died caring for the wounded and dying. He is much venerated and admired in New York and there are those who would like to see him canonized." The play - set in an AA meeting following his death - has been presented in Berkeley, San Francisco and New York. It recently had a special performance in San Jose on the anniversary of 9/11 which was attended by the community from Holy Cross Center. The play was partially funded by the Holy Cross Justice and Peace fund and copies of the DVD are available to Holy Cross schools and parishes.

On Saturday, April 13, 2019,

the Notre Dame College Prep community bestowed the inaugural Spirit of Notre Dame Award upon longtime faculty member **Rev. Richard Conyers, C.S.C.** Fr. Conyers served the Notre Dame College Prep community in many different capacities since 1997 and has impacted the lives of thousands of students, their families, faculty and staff members as well as members of the local Chicago area.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Construction continues on the new Corby Hall, ③ and you may continue to keep an eye on the progress by visiting the Corby Hall Construction Cam at <https://www.workzonecam.com/projects/notredame>. On Friday, January 11, the beams that soundly reinforce the new hall were placed, but not before being signed by many Holy Cross priests and brothers serving in ministries in and around the campus, including several of its future residents.

After twenty-three years serving as rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, **Rev. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.**, will retire effective July 1, 2019. As rector, Fr. Rocca has ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of the Basilica. "I have had the joy and privilege," said Fr. Rocca, "to collaborate with countless students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the broader local community, in providing liturgical celebrations which, hopefully, have deepened and strengthened the faith life of all who have worshiped in the

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Basilica.” **Rev. Brian Ching, C.S.C.**, who currently serves as assistant rector of the Basilica, will succeed Fr. Rocca. Following this transition, Fr. Rocca will remain a member of the formation staff at Moreau Seminary and chaplain to the ROTC program. He will also continue to teach at the seminary and to participate in the Sacramental life of the University as rector emeritus.

Rev. Daniel Groody, C.S.C., associate professor of theology and global affairs at the University of Notre Dame and an award-winning author and filmmaker on international migration and refugee issues, was elected a Fellow and

Trustee of the University at the Board of Trustees winter meeting Friday (Feb. 1) on campus. He fills the seat on the Fellows formerly occupied by Fr. Timothy Scully, C.S.C., who served faithfully for 18 years as a Trustee and 16 years as a Fellow.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

The University of Portland ranked #4 in the nation for Fulbright awards among master’s level institutions, according to an annual study by the Chronicle of Higher Education. Since 2001, students from UP have earned 69 Fulbright grants.

The University of Portland also recently ranked no. 18 in “The Top 25 STEM Colleges

of 2018” by Forbes.com. The University of Portland was one of only five universities in the west to make the list, as well as the only university in Oregon or the Pacific Northwest. The list, which includes schools where 50% or more students major in STEM subjects according to the Department of Education’s College Scorecard, is topped by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by California Institute of Technology, and Harvey Mudd College.

For the 24th consecutive year, the University of Portland has received a top-ten ranking by U.S. News & World Report in its 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings.

The University is 6th out of 127 institutions listed in the “Regional Universities - West” classification. The University was also ranked 3rd in the “Regional Universities - West” classification for “Best Undergraduate Teaching.”

“These rankings are a recognition of the increasing national reputation of the University of Portland as a place of outstanding educational opportunities,” said University president **Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.** “Though they are just one indicator of academic quality, the rankings are a reflection of the University’s reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and service, and of the commitment of our exceptional faculty.”

In addition, the University’s Shiley School of Engineering’s reputation for excellence continues to rise. This year the Shiley School was ranked 26th nationally, three spots higher than a year ago, among engineering schools whose highest degree is a bachelor’s or master’s.

MONEY Magazine, a Time Inc. publication, also named the University of Portland the best college in Oregon for value.



KING'S COLLEGE

Rev. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., ⁴ was the speaker at Commencement exercises this past May and received an honorary doctor of humane letters from King's College. A photo from the ceremony shows Fr. O'Hara congratulating his brother James, who also received an honorary doctorate. Hooding James O'Hara was Thomas Smith, chair of the King's Board of Directors.

For the 11th consecutive year, King's College has been placed on an exclusive list of Best American Colleges published by Forbes magazine. The list is based on multiple factors related to success after graduation, debt, student satisfaction, graduation rate, and academic success. King's placed 590th in the annual rankings. Forbes considered for inclusion on the list all colleges and universities with an undergraduate enrollment greater than 300 students which retained at least 60 percent of incoming students during a three-year period and had a six-year graduation rate of at least 25 percent.

PARISHES

Rev. Len Collins, C.S.C., recently sent in a report from the 90th anniversary of Saint Augustine Catholic Church in South Bend, Ind. ⁵ "Saint Augustine Catholic Church in South Bend was founded in 1928 by Father George O'Connor, C.S.C. St. Joseph Church in South Bend offered a recreation hall to hold services and they later moved to the West side. It took years of renting an old bar room until in the late 30's and early 40's, when St. Augustine Church was built. It was dedicated by Bishop Noll on Sunday, June 15, 1941. Holy Cross served the parish until the 1960's when the diocese took it over. It is now a multiracial parish serving all who come. The Gospel Choir Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday always has visitors from far and wide. The parish is also known for running a Soup Kitchen for over 30 years on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, feeding the poor of the area."

INTERNATIONAL LATIN AMERICA

(District of Chile /Perú, Region of México)

Rev. William Lies, C.S.C., Provincial Superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, appointed **Rev. José Ahumada, C.S.C.,** as Superior of the new District of Chile - Perú. The new united District of Chile and Perú was approved in the Provincial Chapter of the United States on June 18, 2018. Together with assistant provincial, **Rev. Peter Jarret, C.S.C.,** Fr. Bill visited Perú and Chile last October to interview each religious and make a decision regarding the Superior of the new District. The committee responsible for this union had proposed that the first Superior be appointed by the Provincial and his administration, to be carried out until the beginning of 2021, the date on which the first Chapter of the new district will be held. "Fr. Pepe received extensive support in both Perú and Chile ... I want to thank Pepe for his willingness to lead this historic moment for Santa Cruz in

Latin America, and I ask you to pray for him and support his efforts during the process of establishing the new district," said Fr. Bill. The new Superior assumed his responsibility as of January 1, 2019.

On Saturday, December 15, the Congregation of Holy Cross gathered to remember, celebrate, and give thanks for the 55th Anniversary of its arrival to Perú. The commemorative Eucharist was held in the Fr. David Farrell C.S.C., Pavilion of Fe y Alegría 25 School, and **Rev. John Phalen, C.S.C.,** Superior of the former District of Perú, presided and preached. Joining the priests and brothers in the celebration were the Sisters of Holy Cross and the Sisters of the Holy Cross who have long worked side by side in Perú with us.

"For fifty-five years Holy Cross has had the privilege of accompanying a wonderful Peruvian people," proclaimed Fr. Phalen at the start of the Mass. "We have been blessed by laity, women and men, and Holy Cross Sisters who walk with us and encourage us and

whose practice of the charism of Blessed Father Moreau inspires us! Thank you for the part that you have played in our journey of 55 years here in Peru.” Fr. Phalen went on to tell how Holy Cross moved out from Cartavio to new missions in Chimbote, Canto Grande (which continues today as the focus of the Congregation’s mission in Perú), Puno, Tacna, and Huaycán.

“**Rev. Robert Plasker, C.S.C.**, assisted by **Rev. Robert Baker, C.S.C.**, founded the Parish of The Lord of Hope here in San Juan de Lurigancho [Canto Grande] in 1976. Their logo, or seal, was the rock, a figure

that appeared frequently in homilies as well as in their attitude toward their pastoral work,” said Fr. Phalen. “Fr. Plasker wished to build this house upon rock, and so it was. From the gigantic rocks which speak in Cuzco, to the musical group, “Living Rocks,” the two Roberts inspired a firm loyalty among the laity and religious which has been extended even to today.”

On Saturday, September 29, the Holy Cross Family in Chile gathered to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of the Congregation to Perú. Generations of Holy Cross students, parishioners,

collaborators, and religious came to give thanks to God. “Throughout these 75 years the Congregation has been present in various dioceses of the country, serving in parishes, in missions, and in the formation of lay people,” said **Rev. José Ahumada, C.S.C.**, Superior of the District of Chile - Perú. “The Congregation seeks to respond to the challenges of the times, and collaborates in the ecclesial renewal and Religious Life in Latin America.” Over 700 people came from the Congregation’s two colleges, three parishes, and various social apostolates to St. George’s College for a Mass

and picnic, both of which were held inside due to the inclement weather. The **Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, C.S.C., Bishop Prelate of the Territorial Prelature of Chuquibamba, Perú**, presided and preached at the Mass.

DISTRICT OF EAST AFRICA

The District of East Africa recently celebrated its 60th anniversary with Final Professions and ordinations in Jinja, Uganda. ⑥ The first group of Holy Cross missionaries, which consisted of four priests, arrived to Uganda on November 4, 1958, at the invitation of Propaganda Fide.

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They were led by Servant of God, Fr. Vincent J. McCauley, C.S.C., who later became the first Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Portal. Within a year, they were joined by three brothers. From there, the Holy Cross community and mission spread to Kenya in 1978 and Tanzania in 2000. The District Assembly opened on December 28 with keynote addresses by **Rev. Cyprian Binaka, C.S.C.**, the Superior of the District of East Africa, **Fr. William Lies, C.S.C.**, Superior of the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers, and **Br. Thomas Dziekan, C.S.C.**, Superior of the Moreau Province. The U.S. Province and Moreau Province collaborate in the oversight of the Congregation's mission in East Africa. Over the following days of the Assembly, longtime missionaries **Br. James Nichols, C.S.C.**, and **Rev. Richard Potthast, C.S.C.**, shared their

reflections and experiences of witnessing the evolution of the Congregation of Holy Cross in East Africa. Later, **Fr. Fulgens Katende, C.S.C.**, spoke on vocation, and how the Holy Cross charism and mission is lived in East Africa today. **Rev. James Burasa, C.S.C.**, a former Superior of the District, also facilitated a reflection on the desired religious renewal of the District.

Following the homily, Fr. Lies received the Final Professions of the eight young men, all of whom are members of the Society of Priests. They are: **Mr. Francis Bizaaba, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Gabriel Lulu, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Godfrey Massawe, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Andrew Mulema, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Julius Mumbere, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Stephen Salongo, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Ponsiano Walugembe, C.S.C.**, and **Mr. Stephen Mburu Wanda, C.S.C.**

St. Andre House of For-

mation in Jinja, Uganda also recently welcomed ten new postulants. They had a five-week orientation program that included instruction about the breviary, program expectations, prayer, community living, as well as computer and English classes. Together, there are 36 postulants, both priest and brother candidates, currently in formation in the District of East Africa.

BANGLADESH

With one of the largest classes of novices in recent years, prayers of joy and thanksgiving permeated the Congregation of Holy Cross's St. Joseph Province and Sacred Heart of Jesus Province in Bangladesh. Fifteen novices professed their first vows on Friday, July 27, 2019, at the Holy Cross Pastoral and Retreat Center in Barisol, Bangladesh, after having completed the

canonical year with the guidance and accompaniment of their formation staff. Of the 15 newly professed, seven of them are brothers and members of the St. Joseph Province. They are: **Br. Ankon Peter Rebeiro, C.S.C.**, **Br. Ananto Anthony Hembrom, C.S.C.**, **Br. Badhan Xavier Khan, C.S.C.**, **Br. Lakhichandra Andrew Tri-pura, C.S.C.**, **Br. Liton Ezekiel Mardy, C.S.C.**, **Br. Shohel Peter Mondol, C.S.C.**, **Br. Ashim Sylvester Palma, C.S.C.**

The other eight newly professed are members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province and are preparing for ordained ministry in Holy Cross. They are: **Mr. Chinmoy Charles Hagidok, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Nayan Joseph Gomes, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Promod Thomas Rozario, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Soikat Benedict Kulentuno, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Sushanto Richard Mahali, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Tharson Francis Mrong, C.S.C.**, **Mr. Titual Theotonius Chiran, C.S.C.**, and **Mr. Utsho Manuel Ruram, C.S.C.** ✠

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*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest ...”*

(Mt. 11:28)

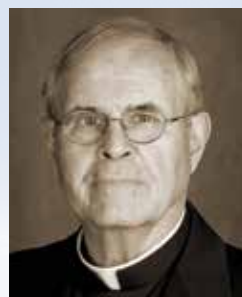
The prayers of the members of the Congregation and the usual suffrages of the Religious of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers are requested for the repose of the souls of our religious who've passed away recently.



REV. MICHAEL HEPPEN, C.S.C.
October 14, 1936 – February 4, 2019
Final Vows: August 18, 1959
Ordained: June 13, 1963



REV. JOSÉ MARTELLI, C.S.C.
April 1, 1943 – March 6, 2019
Final Vows: August 21, 1973
Ordained: December 14, 1973



REV. JAMES FLANIGAN, C.S.C.
April 30, 1935 – March 7, 2019
Final Vows: August 16, 1957
Ordained: June 6, 1962



REV. JOSEPH CALLAHAN, C.S.C.
February 28, 1944 – April 21, 2019
Final Vows: April 1, 1970
Ordained: November 21, 1970

“May he rest in the peace of Christ.”

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