As you’ll note by the sizeable increase in page count over the 2016 version of The Province Review, 2017 was quite a year! Among some of the most noteworthy events you’ll see in this annual issue of The Province Review are the Episcopal Ordination of our very own Fr. William Wack, C.S.C., coverage of the much anticipated Province Assembly, and the historical celebration of our Congregation’s 175th year in the United States.

There is, as you’ll recount in these pages, so much to be thankful for and much to celebrate. We’ve experienced not only an incredible amount of joy within the Community as brothers, but far more in our daily ministries, where we are able to extend and share to others that great joy and the mission of the Congregation. That means, of course, we have much to live up to in 2018!

We look forward to seeing the many ways in which you will share your lives and the Hope of Christ with all who you come into contact with this year. As you live your ministries and rejoice in each other’s company, keep the photos and notes coming! It is because of your superb chronicling of these moments in time that I am able to keep all of you apprised throughout the year, as well as demonstrate with pride and thanksgiving at the end of the year, all that we’ve shared with our apostolates, benefactors, and friends.
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Right: Fr. Ryan and Fr. Michael examine their chalices and patens.


Right: Fr. Ryan preaching at his first Mass at St. Adalbert Church in South Bend. Ryan spoke in English, Spanish and Polish at his First Mass.

Congratulations to Bishop Bill Wack, C.S.C. who was installed as the Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee on Tuesday, August 22nd. Along with fifty of his brothers in Holy Cross, and almost a hundred members of his family, including his parents, the Province celebrated joyfully with the newest of our Holy Cross Bishops. In addition to Holy Cross and Bill’s family, a large contingent of parishioners from St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, TX where Bill was most recently the Pastor, were there to support and wish him well in his new position.

Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., gave an outstanding homily at the Vespers Service the night before the Ordination. It is included here:

A long time ago, a long, long time ago, a very, very long time ago when I was a young and skinny priest, happily serving at the University of Notre Dame, among my responsibilities was to teach a course entitled, Faith Traditions. Now if you think Catholicism is hierarchical, I’m here to tell you when it comes to uncompromising structures of rank and precedence, the Holy Roman Catholic Church can’t hold a candle to Academe, to the governing culture of University life. There, advanced degrees and recognized research constitute the established pecking order. Well at Notre Dame, my rank couldn’t have been any lower. I was officially designated as an adjunct part-time assistant instructor. Even the folks who cleaned the faculty bathrooms may have enjoyed greater professional status than me. But perhaps my one claim to lasting academic fame, was the very young William Wack, who at that time, was himself, a mere Postulant in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Now the course “Faith Trads,” was a requirement for those in the seminary, and included an introduction to the theology of Holy Orders. So Bill, soon to be Your Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop William Albert Wack, my esteemed brother bishops, my reverend and dear brother priests, my fellow Holy Cross Religious, and especially the People of God from this truly wonderful Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, I am about to inflict upon you a very brief synopsis, of the immense richness, and profound meaning of ordained ministry, and more specifically on the ministry of bishops in the Catholic Church.

Remember first of all that Jesus Christ is the High Priest of our Confession. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is the Word Made Flesh. Jesus is the Mediator between God and man. Jesus is the Altar. Jesus is the Atoning Sacrifice. Jesus is the Redeemer and Sanctifier. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. And through the grace of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, all the Faithful are consecrated as a Holy Nation, a Royal Priesthood, a People set apart. Through the grace of God, the entire Church constitutes the Body of Christ. We are all His members, and He is the Head. And through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Bishops and Priests, each according to their Order, are ordained to serve the common Priesthood of the Faithful.

Bill, by this time tomorrow, by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, you will be ordained a Bishop of the Church, a Successor of the Holy Apostles. You would have less imagination than a Florida Ginkgo not to recognize that this will be a truly awesome moment of grace and a new beginning in your experience of ministry. You will share in what our Tradition designates as the Fullness of the Priesthood. Through the Holy Spirit, Episcopal Consecration will confer upon you the power and authority to Teach the Catholic Faith, to Sanctify and Shepherd this Local Church, entrusted to your care. It will be your great gift and privilege to ordain priests as co-workers with you, serving in the person of Christ the Head, and to ordain deacons to assist you in all the tasks of the Diakonia, as your hands and your heart, in the Church’s corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be your responsibility to pastor the pastors, to serve as Spiritual Father to your lay ministers and Chief Shepherd to all the Faithful.

Now my dear Floridians, priests and deacons, religious and laity, I want you to know that you are getting a good man in the person of your new bishop. I’ve known him since he was a kid. He comes from a good Catholic family, from a good South Bend, Indiana Catholic parish. He comes from Our Lady’s University. He comes from the Congregation of Holy Cross. He’s been a great priest and I believe he will be an even better bishop. Bishop Wack has a personality. He has energy. He has a gift for humor. He loves the Church. He loves the priesthood. He loves service, and he loves people, but best of all, he loves the Lord.

And Bishop Elect Wack, you must realize that Divine Providence is placing you in Paradise. Heck, this is Florida. Bill grew up where it can snow from Thanksgiving until Easter, and where in winter, you might not even catch a glimpse of the sun for weeks on end. In this Diocese, you have a spectacular climate. You have sparkling seas and gorgeous skies. And you have The Seminoles of Florida State, who nearly always win. Now admittedly back in 2014, when The Seminoles beat the Fighting Irish, it was with the obvious help of a legally blind and entirely biased Ref from the Atlantic Coast Conference. I believe that Florida State awarded each and every one of his grandchildren free tuition. Not that I believe in holding any grudges. But Bill, I do have a related bit of pastoral advice. Never, never ever, schedule a Confirmation on the evening when the Seminoles play The Gators. Not only will your priests not show up, the parents and grandma and grandpa won’t show up, the sponsors won’t show up. Even the Confirmands won’t show up.

Now, every bishop here can tell you that exercising authority is not always easy. So, get over any notion that you will always be able to make the right decision. Sometimes, your choices will be not between good or bad, but between bad or badder. Perfection is called being in heaven. But you have been called by God and His Church, to be the Bishop, not of the New Jerusalem, but of Pensacola-Tallahassee. This may look like paradise, but...
as beautiful as it is, it is a Diocese with a human flock, a human clergy, and you as a human bishop. When you make a mistake, and you will make them, this will actually be a grace-filled opportunity to cling even more closely, sometimes even desperately to your Lord, who loves you, who first called you to the religious life, who called you to the holy priesthood, and who now calls you here in this Presbyterate, in the midst of this Local Church, to be His Servant Bishop. Remember Saint John XXIII’s great insight, when he couldn’t sleep after being elected Bishop of Rome: “Okay God, it’s your Church. You take care of it.”

Now, the entire Catholic Church, and this Diocese as well, certainly loves, honors and deeply reveres Our Blessed Lady. But the Congregation of Holy Cross, the religious family in which both Bill and I are so blessed and privileged to be members, and where we made our religious profession of vows, is unashamedly, even conspicuously, Marian. The motto of the University from which we both graduated is: Vita Dulcedo et Spes Nostra, that is Our Life Our Sweetness, and Our Hope. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to believe in Jesus, the first to welcome the Lord into her life. Her great faith brought the Word Made Flesh into this world and she became the first and greatest of His disciples. At Cana of Galilee she gave the best advice any Christian could ever hear, when she said to the attendants: Do whatever He tells you. She remained faithful even beneath the Cross, when the Lord gave her to the Disciple whom He loved and to all of us as our Blessed Mother in the journey of Faith. Mary was also there gathered in prayer with the Apostles, on Pentecost Sunday in the Upper Room, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Church in tongues of holy fire and in astounding power. Bill, tomorrow that same Holy Spirit will descend upon you and transform you into a true Successor of those Holy Apostles. At that moment, may Our Lady also be united with you in prayer, as she was 2,000 years ago with those first Apostles, and as you serve as a bishop, may she continue to pray with you and for you. In the wondrous Communion of Saints, trust always in the help of her prayers. And as Our Lady taught at the Wedding Banquet: try always in your ministry as Christ’s bishop, to do whatever the Lord tells you. The rest is in the hands of God, who is never lacking in amazing grace, endless mercy and infinite love. May God bless you in your episcopal ministry, my Holy Cross brother, Bishop William Wack.
Above: Rev. Mr. Christopher Brennan, C.S.C., Rev. Mr. Timothy Weed, C.S.C., and Rev. Mr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., kneel before the altar during the Final Vows Mass.

Final Vows & Diaconate Ordination

Rev. Mr. Christopher Brennan, C.S.C.
Rev. Mr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C.
Rev. Mr. Timothy Weed, C.S.C.

On **Friday, September 15**, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Christopher Brennan, C.S.C., Brendan McAleer, C.S.C., and Timothy Weed, C.S.C., made their Final Vows in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Christopher is assigned as a Deacon at Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Ore., Brendan is assigned to the campus ministry office at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., and Timothy has been assigned to assist in the office of campus ministry at the University of Portland in Portland, Ore.

On **Saturday, September 16**, Christopher, Brendan, and Timothy were ordained deacons in the Moreau Seminary Chapel. Bishop Kevin Rhoades presided over the Ordination, and the chapel was jam-packed with Christopher, Brendan and Timothy’s friends and family.

Above: Photo of Rev. Mr. Christopher Brennan, C.S.C., Rev. Mr. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C. Bishop Kevin Rhoades, and Rev. Mr. Timothy Weed, C.S.C., taken at the Diaconate Ordination in the Moreau Seminary Chapel.
First Vows

Mr. Drew Clary, C.S.C.
Mr. Andrew Fritz, C.S.C.
Mr. Gabriel Griggs, C.S.C.
Mr. Ethan Lott, C.S.C.
Mr. John Sebastian Gutierrez, C.S.C.
(Moreau Province)

On Saturday, July 29, the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States celebrated the First Professions of its 2017-2018 Novitiate class.

“Today, my dear brothers, isn’t about ending your year at the Novitiate, but rather the beginning of a new life as a consecrated religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross,” preached Fr. Ken Molinaro, C.S.C., the Novice Master in his homily. “What you seek is nothing less than God himself, opening yourself to God’s personal love for you!”

In a twist this year, the Mass of First Profession on Saturday was held at Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Woodland Park, Colorado. Normally, the novices profess their First Vows in Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which is a parish sponsored by Holy Cross. This year, however, Sacred Heart is undergoing a renovation, prompting the move of the liturgy to Our Lady of the Woods.

While not a Holy Cross-sponsored parish, Our Lady of the Woods has generously received and welcomed novices for their Sunday ministry placements for many years. Hosting the First Profession Mass there this year was a great way to thank the community for its support of so many classes of novices, and many members of the parish came to join in the celebration on Saturday.

They joined the over 20 Holy Cross brothers and priests who were in attendance.

In his homily, Fr. Molinaro told the novices: “Like an athlete in training, you began to embrace the self-discipline, the asceticism necessary for growth in the interior life, as you matured in your understanding of self, of community, and most profoundly of the One who called you, summoned you, to take this step, who loves you more than you could ever imagine or repay, to whom you consecrate your life this day—all that you have and all that you are. ‘Take, Lord, receive, for all is yours!’”

Following the homily, the novices made their professions of Temporary Vows to their respective superiors: Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., in the case of the United States Province novices, and Br. William Zaydak, C.S.C., in the case of the Moreau Province novice.
The 2017 Holy Cross Province Assembly was a huge success. Hundreds of Holy Cross religious gathered on the campus of the University of Notre Dame to enjoy some fun and fellowship. We were very grateful to have Rev. Michael Fish, OSB Cam, as our keynote speaker. We were also blessed to have Bishop Emeritus Bob Lynch as one of our presenters. We enjoyed two panel presentations, one by a group of lay collaborators who reflected on how they share the mission of Holy Cross, and a second discussion with Holy Cross religious on the use of modern media in evangelization. Homilists at our Masses throughout the week included Provincial Superior, Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., Fr. Bill Dorwart, C.S.C., Fr. Joe Corpora, C.S.C., and General Superior, Fr. Bob Epping, C.S.C.

The week also included plenty of time for sharing food and fun together. On Tuesday night, we traveled to South Bend to cheer on the South Bend Cubs. Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C., threw out the first pitch, and Fr. Ryan Pietrocarlo, C.S.C., sang the national anthem. And, on Thursday we had a casino night.


Photos and videos, as well as the texts of many of the talks are still available online at: https://sites.google.com/nd.edu/provinceassembly/home
Our Jubilarians

On Friday, June 16, the Province gathered at Sacred Heart Basilica for Mass to recognize this year’s Jubilarians. The Mass was followed by a dinner in the South Dining Hall with over 400 guests. Fr. Anthony DeConciliis, C.S.C., (50 years) presided at the Mass and Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., (25 years) gave the homily. This Jubilee Class of 2017 represents 1,265 combined years of religious profession and 1,010 combined years of priesthood.
Provident God,
You inspired Your servant and priest, Basil Moreau, to consecrate his life to Your service and to respond with zeal to the needs of the Church.
As a man of prayer, he sought to imitate Your Son in all things.
As a man of action, he began works of education and evangelization to make You known, loved, and served.
He founded a religious family of brothers, priests, and sisters, united in the mission of extending Your Reign on the earth.
He gave to them the name of “Holy Cross” and placed them under the protection of Our Lady.
As we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the 10th anniversary of his beatification, we pray that the spiritual heritage of Father Moreau may inspire our own Christian discipleship.
Confident in his heavenly intercession, may we be strengthened in our faith, renewed in our hope, and zealous in heeding the promptings of grace.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating
175 YEARS
IN NORTHERN INDIANA

On Thursday, August 24, the Congregation of Holy Cross was honored at a special Mass at St. Pius X Church in Granger. Fr. Edward Malloy, C.S.C., was the celebrant. The theme was “family,” with Priests, Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross invited to join the Notre Dame Trail. The “pilgrims” were to walk from Vincennes, Ind., to Notre Dame following the steps of Sorin and the Brothers who walked this trail. Immediately following the Mass was a celebratory dinner at St. Joseph Farm.

Four hundred guests enjoying dinner at St. Joseph Farm after Mass at the new St. Pius X Church in Granger.
From The Seminarians

Mundelein Basketball Tournament

Moreau Seminarians and Old Collegians traveled to the Mundelein Seminary to participate in the annual seminarian basketball tournament.


Lower: Brogan Ryan, C.S.C., on offense during the tournament.

Provincial Visit at the Novitiate

During the Second week of March, Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C., made the annual Provincial Visit at the Novitiate. Fr. Bill Beauchamp, C.S.C., gave lectures on poverty to the novices during the 3rd week of March, and Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, from St. Meinrad Benedictine Monastery in Indiana provided classes on celibacy.


Lower: Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB, lecturing our novices along with the Dominican Novices.
Summer Experience

Seminarian Gilbrian Stoy, C.S.C., is shown below in the District of East Africa, teaching students in a biology class. Dissecting a frog seems very interesting, and also perhaps the only specimen available at the time. In any case, Gil was the center of attention to these young men.

Fr. Brian Ching, C.S.C.
Visits London

Fr. Brian Ching, C.S.C., the Director of Old College, visited two of the Old Collegians who studied in London this semester. Matt Rehagen is to the left of Brian, and Nik Guiney is on his right.

New Acolytes and Lectors

First row, left to right, new lectors: David Smith, Geoffrey Mooney, Paul Fortin, Robert Lisowski, Cameron Cortens, and Acolyte Gilbrian Stoy. Second row, left to right, acolytes Vincent Nguyen, Zachary Rathke, Tom Bodart, Pablo Quan, Andrew Higdon, and Felipe Campos.

Thanksgiving in Cascade, Colorado

The novices, novitiate staff, priests from the Tri-Community parish, and guests began their Thanksgiving Celebration with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in Cascade. The group assembled after Mass for a photograph.

Christmas Visitors to the Novitiate


Art Work of Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., participated in an Art Show which opened on May 18 at Brookdale Skyline, an assisted living facility in Colorado Springs, Colo. His dozen paintings were among the works of twenty artists that provided other services for the residents. Fr. Ron offers a monthly Mass, and parish members and Holy Cross Novices offer pastoral services. The show which was called, ‘Community Hero Art Show,’ was on display through the month of July.


Fr. Raab is pictured here with some of his paintings.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C.’s art work was also used for the weekly bulletin for the Tri-Community Parish.


Summer Retreat at LaPorte

From Sunday, June 18 until Thursday, June 22, Jeff Cooper directed the annual summer retreat at the La Porte Center.


Renovations at Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado

On Sunday, June 25, Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., the Pastor of Sacred Heart, Cascade, Colo., closed, locked, and blessed the church doors for a 7-month renovation of the church.

Air Conditioning in the Moreau Dining Room

On June 9, the crane pictured at the left lifted the huge air conditioner to the roof of the dining room at Moreau. The kitchen and dining room were closed during June and July to complete this project, a welcomed improvement for those using the dining room and working in the kitchen.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., and Ethan Lott, C.S.C., one of the novices who serves at the parish on Sundays, in front of Sacred Heart Parish in Cascade, Colo.

A large roof top unit hangs precariously from a crane as it is moved into position atop the Moreau Refectory roof.
Moreau Seminary gets a new Pipe Organ

On Monday, January 16, 2017 the pipe organ that was previously in the transept of Sacred Heart Basilica moved to Moreau Seminary. Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., was instrumental in this move and directed a very successful transfer. You may detect from the pictures below that Fr. Rocca is very pleased to have this at Moreau.

Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., testing one of the pipes.

The installed organ ready for use

Fr. Dan Groody, C.S.C., Addresses the USCCB

Fr. Dan Groody, C.S.C., addressed the United States Bishops at their spring meeting in Indianapolis on the afternoon of June 14th on the plight of immigrants.

Fr. Dan spoke of the tensions in the topic of immigration, the tension between sovereign rights and human rights, between civil law and natural law, and between national security and human security.

Fr. Dan’s presentation preceded a review by a working group on migrants and refuges created out of the bishops’ assembly last November.

Fr. Dan Groody, C.S.C.
Construction of a New Church in Viera, Florida

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Viera, Florida is building a new church to seat approximately 1,100. Holy Cross has been in the parish since it was established in 2001 with Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C., serving as its first pastor.

Old Collegians Visit Holy Cross House

On Saturday, February 11, Holy Cross House hosted the Old Collegians for a picnic lunch and the opportunity to watch the Notre Dame-North Carolina basketball game.

Seminarians Visit Corby Hall

Moreau Seminarians visit Corby Hall for a Social Hour and Dinner the last Sunday of every month. This year, Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., was also present as he had attended dedication of the new church at St. Pius X Parish in Granger.

Provincial Visit to Fr. Bill Dorwart, C.S.C.

Property at North Dartmouth Sold

On Friday, February 17, the sale of the property at North Dartmouth was completed, and Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., turned over the keys to the new owners. The new owners are brothers who are Catholic and plan to develop the property with five or six large houses on the property. They would like to preserve the main house if at all possible.

The Community purchased the property in 1933, and it was used as a Novitiate for many years and in its last years as a retirement facility. Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., thanked those involved in this long and difficult task of selling something that represents a strong sense of history to the former Eastern Province Members, many of whom spent time in those buildings.

The gentleman who watched over the property at North Dartmouth the past year when the buildings were vacant stops for a picture as he leaves the property.

Lenten Day of Reflection at Cocoa Beach

Fr. Dick Berg, C.S.C., led the Christopher Lodge Community in a Lenten Day of Reflection in their Chapel, followed by dinner with members of the community.

Fr. Dick Berg, C.S.C., in the Chapel at Christopher Lodge. Fr. Tom Bertone, C.S.C., is in the foreground.

Serra Club Dinner

Holy Cross Priests in Oregon attending the Serra Club Dinner for Clergy pictured with Archbishop Alexander Sample, the Archbishop of Portland.


Notre Dame Alumni Club

Fr. Ollie Williams, C.S.C., gave the Hesburgh Lecture to the Notre Dame Alumni Club in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida at St. Gabriel’s Parish. He was a guest of the pastor who is a Notre Dame Alumnus. Fr. Ollie is pictured in front of the rectory with the parish’s distinctive mailbox! He received the Universal Notre Dame Knight Award for 2016 from the St. Joseph Valley Notre Dame Club.

Fr. Oliver Williams, C.S.C., pictured with the parish mailbox.

Casa Santa Cruz Annual Retreat

Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., led the men in Phoenix at their annual retreat at Casa Santa Cruz during the second week of March.


Bishop Jorge Izaguirre Ad Limina Visit

The Bishop of the Prelature of Chuquibamba in Perú made his ad limina visit to the Vatican earlier this month. He is pictured here being greeted by Pope Francis.

Br. Ed Luther, C.S.C., Celebrates His Birthday, Retirement and Move to Holy Cross House

Br. Ed has been in residence at Holy Cross House for several months, but he still manages to get over to Old College to assist them in their purchasing and culinary efforts and as well to bake cinnamon rolls for them.

Service Milestones

On Tuesday, May 9, three Holy Cross Rectors were honored for milestone years of service at the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Paul Doyle, C.S.C., and Fr. John Conley, C.S.C., were recognized for their 20 years as rector of Dillon Hall and Siegfried Hall respectively. In addition, Fr. George Rozum, C.S.C., was honored for 40 years as rector of Alumni Hall. They are pictured left receiving hand-drawn images of their halls. The drawings were done by Tim Reidy, the brother of Fr. Pat Reidy, C.S.C. Others receiving awards were Fr. Bill Lies, C.S.C., for 15 years, and Fr. Ralph Haag, C.S.C. and Fr. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., for 10 years.

Monk Hosts Christ the King

Monk Malloy gave the 4th grade class from Christ the King Parish in South Bend, Indiana, a tour of the Notre Dame campus on Friday, April 28.
Holy Cross Men at Holy Cross High School, Flushing, New York

During Spring Break Fr. Mark DeMott, C.S.C., who is in doctoral studies at Fordham University in New York, assisted Fr. Randy Rentner, C.S.C., with two projects: the first was giving a day’s retreat to the Faculty of Holy Cross High School in Flushing at St. Peter’s Parish in Manhattan. This is where Fr. Sorin celebrated Mass with the six Brothers upon their arrival in the United States in November, 1841. In 1992 a commemorative plaque was mounted marking that occasion.

Chapel Dedication in Austin

Fr. Frank Zlotkowski, C.S.C., who is a Chaplain at the Seaton Health Care Network in Austin, Texas, served as the Master of Ceremonies at the dedication of the chapel in the new hospital, the Dell Seaton Medical Center at the University of Texas. This new hospital is part of a new medical center in Austin.

Fr. Frank Zlotkowski, C.S.C., speaking with Ms. Lucy Baines Johnson, the daughter of Lyndon Baines and Lady Bird Johnson. Lucy was a major donor for the building of this chapel in honor of the Daughters of Charity who sponsor the hospital, a group she has supported for many years.
Christopher Lodge Celebrates Memorial Day with Visitors


Easter Dinner at Casa Santa Cruz

Because of many ministerial commitments, members of Casa Santa Cruz hosted Easter Dinner for the Desert C.S.C.s on the 26th day after Easter, when more were able to come to Mass and dinner. The only C.S.C. from the area not in the pictures is Fr. John Pearson, C.S.C., the Superior of Casa Santa Cruz, who was taking the pictures.


“Let us often come together in spite of whatever distances may separate.” Moreau
Labor Day Picnic Marks the End of Summer

The Christopher Lodge Community at Cocoa Beach were the guests of the C.S.Cs at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Viera, Fla. for a Labor Day gathering.


Notre Dame’s 2017 Laetare Medal Recipient

Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J., was awarded the 2017 Laetare Medal at Notre Dame’s Commencement on Sunday, May 21st. Pictured below is Fr. Boyle having dinner with Fr. Austin Collins, C.S.C., the Superior of Corby Hall and Fr. Bill Lies, C.S.C., Vice President for Mission Engagement and Mission Affairs at the University.

Holy Cross Men at St. Rita’s

On Sunday, June 11, Holy Cross men who have served at St. Rita’s Parish in Dade City, Fla, gathered for Mass and a reception as Holy Cross leaves the parish. Pictured here are Fr. Dan Kayajan, C.S.C., who has been the most recent pastor of the parish, Fr. Pete Logsdon, C.S.C., Fr. Bill Persia, C.S.C., and Fr. Jim Preskenis, C.S.C.

St. Rita’s Parish

Fr. Dan Kayajan, C.S.C., and Fr. Jim Preskenis, C.S.C., pictured with the two Sisters they work with at St. Rita’s Parish in Dade City, Fla. after Confirmation.
Final Vows Retreat
Three Seminarians, now deacons, made their retreat for Final Vows the last week in May at Christopher Lodge in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Family Rosary Celebrates its 75th Anniversary
On Saturday, June 3, over 400 attendees with staff and volunteers celebrated Mass and prayed the Rosary together around the statue of the Blessed Mother to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Family Rosary and the 25th anniversary of the death of Venerable, Patrick Peyton.

C.S.C.s Celebrate in Texas
On Friday, June 23rd, St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin hosted local C.S.C.s to celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart at Mass followed by a social and festive dinner.

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish Gets a New Gym Floor
This picture from St. Ignatius Martyr Parish is of the new gym floor with the Congregation’s Cross and Anchor as well as Spes Unica spelled out. Pictured are Brian Kennedy, C.S.C., who spent his pastoral year at St. Ignatius, Andy Fritz, C.S.C., a novice who spent time at the parish and Bishop Bill Wack, C.S.C., who was the former Pastor of the Parish.
Corby Hall Celebrates the 4th of July at Creevy House

Corby Hall hosted a 4th of July Celebration at Creevy House for Province Members who were in the South Bend area for the holiday. They gathered in the afternoon, enjoyed a cookout with Fr. Doug Smith, C.S.C., as the grill master, fireworks from the neighbors and relaxing with some Holy Cross visitors who were able to be there. The following are a series of pictures provided by the host and Corby Hall Superior, Fr. Austin Collins, C.S.C.

Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C. in Rome

On June 13, Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., joined 20 other priests and several members of the C-9, the Council of Cardinal Advisers, in celebrating Mass with Pope Francis at Casa Santa Marta, the chapel inside the hostel on the Vatican Grounds where the Pope resides. While in Rome, Fr. John also met with several key Vatican leaders, including Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican’s Secretary of State, Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, Bishop Brian Farrell, L.C., Secretary of the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian Unity, and Archbishop Jean-Louis Brugues, O.P., Archivist and Librarian of the Holy Roman Church.
Corby Hall Visitors

During the 2017 Province Assembly, several members from the District of East Africa attended the assembly and remained at Notre Dame to visit. Pictured to the left are four men who visited Fr. David Eliaona, C.S.C., who is doing doctoral studies in theology at Notre Dame and lives at Corby Hall.


Holy Cross in Dowagiac, Michigan in the very early years in the United States

Fr. Nick Ayo, C.S.C., and Fr. Tom Jones, C.S.C., made a short pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Dowagiac, Mich. They wanted to visit this site as part of the 175th Anniversary Year Celebration of Holy Cross in Indiana. Father Sorin himself ministered to the indigenous population in the Dowagiac area, and his ministry continued over the years, thanks to a number of Holy Cross Religious, including Fr. Jim McGrath, C.S.C., who was a regular there until 2000.

Chief Leopold Pokagon donated the land for the first wooden church and was able to secure Fr. Stephen Badin in the early 1830’s to come there. Chief Pokagon is buried under the cornerstone of the present-day church built in the late 1880s.

Archbishop Moses Costa Visits the Provincial House

On his return from Rome after having received the pallium from Pope Francis on the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, Moses Costa as the First Archbishop of Chittagong visited at Notre Dame. While there he had dinner with the Provincial Administration at the Provincial House.


From left to right: Fr. Nick Ayo, C.S.C., standing alongside the historic marker with the background information on the parish.
C.S.C.’s Fishing at Land O’ Lakes

Throughout the summer, Holy Cross men spent time at Land O’ Lakes relaxing, enjoying community, and fishing. As summer ebbed, many recalled memorable moments while there as is obviously the case with the following three men who took advantage of this opportunity. While there, Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C., Fr. Tom Jones, C.S.C., and Fr. Dick Potthast, C.S.C., sent pictures of their time on the lake fishing, with what appears to be great results. In the years to come, the size of the fish may be enhanced with retelling their stories, but here are pictures to support their success.

Above: Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C., with the results!

Vocations Nights at Notre Dame

Corby Hall hosted their annual Vocations Night before the Fall Break, and it was well-attended with 42 individuals filling out cards for additional vocation information.


Labor Day Celebration in North Easton

The North Easton Community were guests of Fr. John Denning, C.S.C., the President of Stonehill College, for a cookout at the President’s house on Labor Day.

Fr. Steve Wilbricht, C.S.C., encouraging the cook as she prepares the barbecue.
Bishop Moses Costa, C.S.C., is made an Archbishop.

The First Archbishop of Chittagong, the Most Rev. Moses Costa, C.S.C., was invested with the Pallium on September 9, 2017.

The Papal Nuncio, George Kochery, investing the Pallium on Archbishop Costa.

Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., 5th President of Holy Cross College

Congratulations to Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., as he was inaugurated the 5th President of Holy Cross College on October 6, 2017. The inauguration weekend included social events and Mass with staff, students and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Fr. David Tyson, C.S.C., addressing the audience with Bishop Rhoades.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., Forever Stamp Dedication Ceremony

From left to right: Richard "Digger" Phelps, the Emcee; Fr. Austin Collins, C.S.C., Provided the Welcome and Invocation; The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Speaker; Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General who officially dedicated the stamp; James Hesburgh, Fr. Hesburgh’s brother; Ted Hesburgh, Fr. Hesburgh’s nephew; Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame President; and Fr. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., our Provincial who gave the Benediction.

Greater New Haven C.S.C.s Celebrated Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Monica’s Parish in Northford, Conn.

André House Volunteers Reflect on Serving Five Million Meals

André House in Phoenix marked serving 5 million meals on Sunday, October 29th. Since its opening in 1984 by two Holy Cross priests André House serves between 500 and 700 meals a day. As Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C., the Director of André House pointed out, “Were it not for the 30 volunteers that show up on a summer Sunday when it is 120 degrees and every day in between, the miracle of each evening would not be possible.” On October 30th, John Michael Talbot will be at André House to thank the volunteers for their 33 years of service.

Claude Pomerleau Attends the Swearing-in Ceremony for Congress

“Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned” was the greeting Fr. Claude Pomerleau, C.S.C., received from former Vice President Joseph Biden at the swearing in ceremony of Congress on January 3. Fr. Pomerleau’s brother-in-law, Patrick Leahy, was reelected to an eighth term as the Senior Senator from Vermont.

Congregational Leadership

From November 12th to the 16th, The General Administration, Provincials, Vicars and Regional Superior met at the Council of the Congregation to discuss the proposal for restructuring the Congregation. Pictured below are these men who spent the week in prayer and discussion on this very important challenge for the Congregation.

Father General Robert Epping, C.S.C., with his Administration, the Provincials, Vicars, Regional Superior. Also in the picture are Fr. Dennis Strach, C.S.C., the Secretary and leader of music, and Pierre LaPine who served as translator.

The Francis Effect and Mercy was the title of the lecture given by Fr. Michael Driscoll, professor Emeritus of Theology and Sacred Music at Notre Dame at this year’s Hesburgh Lecture in Orlando, Fla. Fr. Jim Lackenmier, C.S.C., and Fr. Joe Long, C.S.C., attended this event.

From left to right: Fr. Jim Lackenmier, C.S.C., Kathleen Sabol a ND Club board member, a “stand-in” for Pope Francis, Fr. Michael Driscoll, and Fr. Joe Long, C.S.C.

Fr. Tom Hosinski, C.S.C., Launches New Book

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

At the right is a picture of Fr. Tom speaking with his colleagues at the University of Portland.

Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C., Invited to be Keynote Speaker

On October 19th Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C., was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Catholic Education Collaborative, a service that Stonehill College provides to the teachers and principals of K-12 schools in the Diocese of Fall River, Mass. Fr. Wills also taught a class to undergraduates at Stonehill in his area of research: Blended Learning in K-12 Schools.

Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C., addresses the Catholic Education Collaborative.

At the right is a picture of Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C., speaking with his colleagues at the University of Portland.
Thanksgiving Blessings

November is the month when we take time to give thanks for all our blessings, and it is a special time of year when we remember all of the graces we have received throughout the year. May we continue to thank God for all His blessings, and as well all those in our daily lives who support us and collaborate with us in fulfilling our mission.

November is also the month when we take time to remember those who have gone before us especially during the present year. The annual Mass for deceased members of Holy Cross was held at Fatima House on Thursday, November 2nd. Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., was the celebrant, and Fr. Michael Palmer, C.S.C., was the homilist. After Mass, the priests, brothers and sisters in attendance processed to the community cemetery to visit the graves of our men and to pray for all those buried there. Despite a heavy downpour, the community was able to complete the ceremony in the cemetery. Moreau Seminary graciously hosted a dinner for wet and cold participants.

Committee to Study Financing the Moreau Shrine

Fr. Bill Beauchamp, C.S.C., is part of a committee headed by Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., to propose a plan for financing the Moreau Shrine in LeMans, France. The committee spent several days there earlier this month to assess the needs of the Shrine.

Fr. Bill Beauchamp, C.S.C., is looking at the ceiling in one of the buildings along with other members of the committee, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, C.S.C., Fr. Gaspar Selvaraj, C.S.C., and Fr. John DeRiso, C.S.C., the Director of the Moreau Shrine.

The interior of the Moreau Shrine.
Hugh Cleary Led the Cocoa Beach Community in an Advent Day of Recollection

The newly completed St. John the Evangelist Church will be dedicated on January 19, 2018

Fr. John Britto, C.S.C., the Associate Pastor, and Fr. Brad Beaupre, C.S.C., the Pastor, share the plans of the completed interior of the Church with Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C.


Corby Hall Celebrates Holy Cross at Notre Dame for 175 Years

On November 30th, the Corby Hall Community gathered in the Log Chapel to celebrate Mass in commemoration of Fr. Sorin, Brothers Francis Xavier, Gatien, Patrick, and Basil arrival at Notre Dame on that same day in 1842. After Mass a reception was held at Old College followed by dinner.

Fr. Jim Connolly, C.S.C., gave the homily at the Mass
Christmas Decorating
Around the Province

On the day after Thanksgiving, an unusually mild day in South Bend, 11 seminarians decorated the inside and outside the Provincial House at 1304 East Jefferson.

Fr. George Rozum, C.S.C., serves his famous egg nog to Fr. Jim Connelly, C.S.C.

Middle Top Right: Fr. Len Banas, C.S.C., decorating the tree, Fr. Tom Blantz, C.S.C., talking with Fr. Kevin Grove, C.S.C.

Fr. Larry Olszewski, C.S.C., and Fr. Bill Persia, C.S.C., putting the finishing touches on the tree.

Holy Cross Center

St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, AZ dedicated Holy Cross Center—its new multi-use facility on December 16th. Tom Eckert wrote that the Parish has raised $7.5 million for the $8 million structure to date with only $500,000 to go. It includes a full gymnasium, 10 classrooms, an industrial kitchen and a professional grade stage for performances. The gymnasium will seat 1,000 people. The building is named in honor of Holy Cross, and all the work done by our men in the parish for the past 40 years.

Other Events at St. John Vianney Parish, in Goodyear, Ariz.

Fr. Tom Eckert, C.S.C., the Pastor, blessing the animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Fr. Tom Lemos, C.S.C., the Associate Pastor, being welcomed back to the parish after spending time at Notre Dame.
News from

Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Oregon

Burning Palms for Ash Wednesday Ashes

Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., the Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland is holding an umbrella to protect his Mardi Gras hat and is assisted by Fr. Matt Fase, C.S.C., the Assistant Pastor, in burning palms for the ashes to be distributed on Ash Wednesday. The Holy Redeemer students are witnessing this in anticipation of the beginning of Lent.

Parish Camp Out

Rev. Mr. Chris Brennan, C.S.C., pictured at the left with Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., and Holy Redeemer children at the annual parish camp out. The camp out was at Cape Lookout State Park in Oregon. Deacon Chris will be spending his diaconate year at Holy Redeemer.

The Pastor of Holy Redeemer with Two Archbishops

The proud pastor at the right with two of his parishioners and with retired Archbishop John Vlazny, and the present Archbishop Alexander Sample at an Archdiocesan celebration.

Picture Right: Rev. Mr. Chris Brennan, C.S.C., Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C., with parishioners enjoying the camp out.
Holy Cross Priests Provide Lenten Reflections

Fr. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., was the first of three C.S.C.s to Provide Lenten Reflections with Holy Cross at Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland. Fr. Mark provided the first reflection on March 22nd, Fr. Jeff Cooper, C.S.C., provided the second on March 29th, and Brendan Ryan, C.S.C., provided the final reflection on April 5th.

Portland C.S.C.s Preparing for a Saturday Morning Walk


A Visit to LaSalle College Preparatory School

Fr. John Doherty, C.S.C., and Deacon Chris Brennan, C.S.C., visited LaSalle College Prep, where Fr. John does sacramental ministry. The two young men, both students at LaSalle Prep, have University of Portland connections. The young man next to Deacon Chris is Nicholas Phillips, the grandson of long-time University Professor of Theology, Dr. Matt Baasten. The young man next to Fr. John is Ben Burke-Sivers whose father is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, who was the former Director of Security at U.P.
Fr. John Herman, C.S.C. Comes to Visit Holy Redeemer

Fr. John Herman, C.S.C., the Rector of Moreau Seminary visited Br. Joseph DeAgostino, C.S.C. and our deacons in Portland the third week of November. While there he celebrated Mass for the school children at Holy Redeemer Parish where Deacon Chris Brennan, C.S.C., is spending his deacon year.

The last picture from Fr. John Dougherty, C.S.C. as Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland

Fr. John is pictured with school children who presented him with a quilt made of all the grade school childrens’ pictures. The quilt was presented to John at a farewell Mass for him with the school children.

“If you consider your vocations, whether it is that of a religious, a priest, or parent, is there one that by nature demands more work? You have to care for those entrusted to you.”
Portland received record snowfall the week of January 9th, 2017 and the University was closed for several days. This was the biggest snowfall in 20 years and it remained when temperatures dropped below freezing for several days. Fortunately, students had not returned for the spring semester until the next week.
Retreat and Celebration in Portland

The Holy Cross Community at the University of Portland made their annual retreat at Mount Angel Benedictine Abbey the week of May 15th after commencement and the Board of Regents meeting. The community has made its annual retreat there for over 40 years. This year’s retreat director was Loretta Frederking, Associate Provost and Professor of Political Science at the University. At the end of the retreat, the community gathers to celebrate members of the local community celebrating jubilees. Br. Kenneth Allen, C.S.C., is celebrating his 60th Anniversary of Religious Profession, and Fr. Charles McCoy, C.S.C., the local superior presided at Vespers followed by a festive dinner.


Benefit Dinner to Support the Mendocino Music Festival

Fr. Mark Poormann, C.S.C., Fr. John Donato, C.S.C., and Fr. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C., joined Fedele Bauccio, University of Portland alumnus and benefactor (The Bauccio Commons on the University of Portland Campus), and Founder of Bon Appétit Management company, for a benefit dinner to support the Mendocino Music Festival. Fedele and his wife, Linda, host this opening celebration annually and invite chefs from various Bon Appétit institutions throughout California to prepare different food and beverage stations on the grounds of their home right outside of Mendocino. The theme of this year’s event was Mardi Gras.

Howard Hall is Gone!

Howard Hall, the gymnasium and swimming pool built in the 1920s at the University of Portland was torn down to make room for the new academic building—the Dundon-Berchtold Academic Building. The Cross & Anchor capitals were cut out of the entrance ways with the hope of using them in the new building. The new Beauchamp Recreation Center completed two years ago made it possible to remove Howard Hall and provide the footprint for the new academic building which will house classrooms and faculty offices.


Howard Hall in its last days

The Cross & Anchor capitals amid the rubble.
Vocation Night at the University of Portland

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

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

Portland Celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th

Fr. Claude Pomerleau, C.S.C., presided and preached at a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Chapel of Christ the Teacher at Portland.

Try to bring vocations from wherever providence has carried the work of Holy Cross; we will be overjoyed to receive them, there will never be too many.”
The last snow storm of the winter left anywhere from 22 inches to 36 inches of snow depending on where you were in the Wilkes-Barre area on March 14th to the 16th. Offices were closed and classes were canceled at King’s for two days while snow removers tried to clear streets and sidewalks to make transportation possible. Fr. Tony Grasso, C.S.C., sent these pictures capturing some of campus sites giving one a good idea of how deep the snow was just a few days before spring began.

Franklin Street from the main quad at King’s moving up the hill to Moreau Court.

The First Game of the Season


A Purr-fect Solution

Br. Patrick Lynch, C.S.C., and Fr. Chase Pepper, C.S.C., are intent on training these two cats to catch mice in the Annex.
News from Stonehill College


At the final student Mass in the Chapel of Mary at Stonehill College, Fr. John Denning, C.S.C., the President of Stonehill College blessed three C.S.C.s who left positions at the College. Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C., became the Assistant Director of Vocations, Fr. Tom Halkovic, C.S.C., retired from campus ministry, and has since passed away, and Fr. Jim Lies, C.S.C., went to Notre Dame to work in the London Gateway Project.

Annual Memorial Day Mass at Stonehill

Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., with a crowd gathered at the Community Cemetery in North Easton on Memorial Day to remember the men of Holy Cross who served in the military.

Blessing of Animals at Stonehill College

Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., Director of Campus Ministry at Stonehill College, blessed the animals on the feast of St. Francis Assisi.
Vocation Night at Stonehill College

Similar to what Corby Hall and the University of Portland and King’s College have done to welcome students who may be discerning a vocation, the Stonehill Community invited Stonehill students for prayer and a chance to meet informally with C.S.C.s.

Fr. Willy Raymond, C.S.C., the President of Family Ministries, joins the students for pizza. In the background, Fr. John Denning, C.S.C., is speaking with a student.

Stonehill Honors

Br. James Madigan, C.S.C.

Stonehill College honored the late Br. James Madigan, C.S.C., who for more than 40 years cared for the practical needs of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the College, Holy Cross Parish in Easton, and My Brother’s Keeper by naming the headquarters for the College Police Department in his honor.

Stonehill College Dedicates a Reliquary in the Chapel of Mary

Stonehill College dedicated its first reliquary in the Chapel of Mary in November. The program consisted of a lecture on the history and theology of relics given by Religious Studies Professor Nate des Rosiers. A biography of each of the saints included in the reliquary was given by Fr. Rick Gribble, C.S.C. A procession from the Chapel to the reliquary followed with a blessing by Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., the Director of Campus Ministry at Stonehill, and Religious Superior of the Community at Stonehill.

Fr. Rick Gribble, C.S.C., providing a bio of each of the saints included in the reliquary.

Fr. Tony Szakaly, C.S.C., the Director of Campus Ministry and Religious Superior of the Stonehill Community blessing the reliquary.
Congratulations

Fr. George Piggford, C.S.C.

Fr. George Piggford, C.S.C., was recently promoted to Professor of English at Stonehill College. He has also been named to the board of the Flannery O’Connor-Andalusia Foundation which oversees the property of her family’s farm in Milledgeville, GA, and promotes O’Connor’s literary and cultural legacy. This is indeed an important foundation, nationally and internationally known and recognized in academic circles.

Fr. Piggford’s work on O’Connor may be found in Christianity and Literature, the Flannery O’Connor Review, and The International Review of Zizek Studies. He has essays forthcoming this year in the volumes Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Catholic University Press), A Political Companion to Flannery O’Connor (University of Kentucky Press), and The Hermeneutics of Hell: Visions and Representation of the Devil in World Literature (Palgrave Macmillan).

Fr. Rick Gribble, C.S.C.

Fr. Rick Gribble, C.S.C., Professor of History at Stonehill College, has been elected Vice President of the American Catholic Historical Association. He will also become the President of the American Catholic Historical Society in 2018.

Fr. Marc Fallon, C.S.C.

Fr. Marc Fallon, C.S.C., joins the members of the Eastland Foods Workers’ Committee at the year’s end party for Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores (CCT), the CCT Workers’ Center of New Bedford, Mass. CCT sponsors eight workplace committees in the New Bedford seafood-processing industry. In 2016 their scrutiny of management practices, recovery of unpaid overtime, and advocacy for workplace safety directly benefited over 2,200 members of local households. CCT leaders are grateful the Province Apostolic Justice and Peace Fund for a recent grant extended during their “off years” cycle from funding from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Dr. James Burasa, Ph.D.

Fr. James Burasa, C.S.C., successfully defended his dissertation on February 10th for his doctorate in Dogmatic Theology at the University of Eastern Africa.
Fr. Dick Berg, C.S.C.

Fr. Dick Berg, C.S.C.’s recent book, *Scars*, about post-traumatic stress has been adapted to a theatrical production that was premiered in January. Dick listened to the post-traumatic stress of nine men as the cases he cites in his book. *Scars* sold out its premier performance as part of the Fertile Ground Citywide Festival of New Plays. There are no present plans to present it again, although Fr. Berg is hopeful that it will get a wider staging.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C.

Fr. Ron Raab, C.S.C., was commissioned by Catholic Charities of Central Colorado to execute and donate a painting for their Annual St. Patrick’s Day Gala Auction. Fr. Raab painted “The Lost One,” featuring Jesus holding a lamb in a mountainous landscape. “The Lost One” expresses Catholic Charities’ Mission: to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same. The painting sold for $560 in the Auction. The picture below is with Lisa Kennedy, the Chair of the Event, with Fr. Raab.

Fr. Robert Pelton, C.S.C.

Fr. Bob Pelton, C.S.C., received the Universal Notre Dame Knight Award for 2016 from the St. Joseph Valley Notre Dame Club. Fr. Pelton is pictured with the Award which hangs at Fatima House where Fr. Pelton resides.

Fr. Tom Shea, C.S.C.

The March 13th diocesan paper for the Diocese of Orlando, Florida featured Fr. Tom Shea, C.S.C., on the occasion of his coming Golden Jubilee of Ordination. The paper stated that “After 50 years as a priest and teacher, Holy Cross Father Thomas Shea is still moving in the direction God points him, and doing what he loves to do-teach.” Presently, he is helping out in the diocese with Spanish bible studies and working with Spanish Ministry at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Palm Bay. Fr. Shea spent 41 years in Perú as a religion teacher and he also trained and placed lay religion teachers in public high schools.

Fr. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Fr. Paul Doyle, C.S.C., who has served as Rector of Dillon Hall for 20 years. Fr. Doyle thanked his fellow rectors and assistants at the surprise party given in his honor on April 18th.
Fr. George Bernard, C.S.C.

Fr. George Bernard, C.S.C., celebrated his 95th birthday on April 15, 2017. He addressed the local community on Easter Sunday. Br. Joe DeAgostino, C.S.C., was on hand to hear his remarks.

Fr. Timothy Mouton, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Fr. Tim Mouton, C.S.C., who received the Student Government Association Staff Appreciation Award at Stonehill’s Student Life Assembly on April 30th. Fr. Mouton was honored for his outstanding work and lasting influence with students in Campus Ministry, in presiding and preaching at Masses, as Athletic chaplain, as Assistant Baseball Coach, Student Athlete Bible Study, his pastoral presence in the dorms and this list just goes on and on!

Fr. Paul Kollman, C.S.C.

Fr. Paul Kollman, C.S.C., received the Rev. William A. Toohey, C.S.C. Award for Preaching. Fr. Kollman is an Associate Professor of Theology at Notre Dame, and he is also the Director of the Center for Social Concerns also at Notre Dame.

Fr. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C.


Fr. Jim Foster, C.S.C.

Fr. Jim Foster, C.S.C., was promoted to Professor of the Practice at the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Foster is also an Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for Health Sciences Advising.

Fr. Richard Warner, C.S.C.

At the summer board meeting of Family Ministries, Fr. Dick Warner, C.S.C., was honored for serving on that board for 27 years. During the meeting, the Public Dining Room at the Father Peyton Center in North Easton, Mass., was named for Fr. Warner in recognition of his many years of service to Family Ministries.
Fr. Thomas Hosinski, C.S.C.

Fr. Hosinski’s Book, *The Image of the Unseen God: Catholicity, Science and Our Evolving Understanding of God*, has been published by Orbis Books. It was available on August 17th. The book is part of a series edited by Ilia Delio, called Catholicity and the Evolving Universe.

Fr. Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.

Indiana University Press has published the World War II Memoir of Erna Becker-Kohen who in 1931 married Gustav Becker. He was Catholic and she was Jewish. Erna and Gustav had no idea their religious affiliations, which meant so little to them at that time, would define their marriage under the Nazis. As one of the more than 20,000 German Jews married to an Aryan spouse, Erna, who eventually converted to Catholicism, describes how she survived through the war in Nazi Germany despite terrible personal losses of family and property. Kevin with Martina Cucchiara edited and translated Erna’s memoirs which are described as “riveting.”

Fr. Patrick Gaffney, C.S.C.

The Honorable President of Bangladesh, who serves as Chancellor of all universities, on August 8, 2017, appointed Fr. Patrick Daniel Gaffney, C.S.C., Vice-Chancellor of Notre Dame University of Bangladesh.

Fr. Tony Grasso, C.S.C.


Fr. Grasso is a professor of English at King’s College, and his chapter is entitled “Money as the Devil in B. Traven’s ‘Assembly Line,’ and its Sources in Literature, the Faust Legend, and New England Puritanism.”

Fr. William Dorwart, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Fr. Bill Dorwart, C.S.C., as he retires from the Navy. Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C. and Fr. Tom Zurcher, C.S.C., attended the retirement ceremony. Fr. Dorwart retired on October 1st after serving 20 years in the Navy. His most recent assignment was Catholic Chaplain on the USS Theodore Roosevelt.
Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Fr. Mark Thesing, C.S.C., who received a Monogram Award Jacket from the Notre Dame Monogram Club. The award was given in appreciation for his service as the chaplain to the football team.

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Br. James Lakofka C.S.C.

Congratulations to Br. James Lakofka, C.S.C., who celebrated his 100th birthday on Thursday, November 17th. Holy Cross House held a reception that afternoon when many community members and friends stopped in to wish him a Happy Birthday. He still keeps busy with his Lourdes Water distribution, and watching Cubs games. He waited almost a century to see the Cubs win the pennant, but happily celebrated that event last year.

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Fr. Steve Gibson, C.S.C., and the Attymass village in Ireland.

Fr. Steve Gibson, C.S.C. writes from the Fr. Peyton Center in Ireland in Attymass that the little village has won first prize for small villages—and there are thousands of small villages in Ireland—as the best place to live.

When the judges visited the village for their evaluation they were so impressed by everything that is done there and awarded them first prize. Fr. Jack Keefe, C.S.C., spent several weeks with Steve in the summer of 2016, and he too was very impressed with the village and the work done there at the Fr. Peyton Center.

The citation read at the awarding of the prize is as follows: “This amazing small rural community immediately impressed the judges with a fantastic welcome in a wonderful center that is essential to the life of the community. The judges regarded the presentation on the day as one of the best they have ever witnessed. The sense of pride demonstrated in every aspect of community life—history, heritage, culture, international connections, excellent high quality amenities emanating from the extraordinary efforts of the community, left the judges very clear that this community had indeed Pride in their Place.”

Photos Below: Fr. Steve Gibson, C.S.C., the Pride of Place Award, and the judges panel.
Fr. Cyprian Binaka, C.S.C.

Congratulations to Fr. Cyprian Binaka, C.S.C., who received his Ph.D. on November 17 from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi. His doctorate is in Theology with a specialization in Pastoral Theology. His dissertation was *Evangelization as Integral Development: A Study of Pastoral Strategies in Jinja Diocese, Uganda.*

Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C.

Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C., received a $8 million dollar grant to support his work on Blended Learning in Catholic Schools. The Grant was awarded by the GHR Foundation founded in 1965 by Gerald and Henrietta Raunehorst to collaborate with community leaders throughout the world for thought leaders to exchange ideas and locally-driven solutions, anchored in responsibility and the knowledge that we are all deeply connected.

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. declared Venerable!

On Tuesday, December 18th, Pope Francis declared Servant of God Patrick Peyton, Venerable. Fr. Willy Raymond, the President of Holy Cross Family Ministries—the successor to Fr. Peyton—commented that, “We are filled to overflowing with joy at this news. How exciting and encouraging it is just to write the designation, ‘Venerable!’ This designation represents a rare recognition by the universal Church that Fr. Peyton is a person of heroic virtue and a life worthy of veneration by all Christians.”

Family Ministries will be offering a Novena of Thanksgiving beginning on January 1st, and Fr. Raymond invites us to join in this Novena prayer of thanksgiving.

Below: Fr. Peyton in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
On Friday, January 20, 2017, Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters gathered at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to celebrate the feast day of our founder, Father Basil Moreau. Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., the Provincial of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, was the celebrant of the Mass and gave the homily. Sr. Veronique Widower, C.S.C., the President of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, read the first reading at Mass, and Br. Chester Freel, C.S.C., the Provincial of the Midwest Province, read the intentions at Mass. Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of Peoria was in attendance at the Mass. Following Mass, Moreau Seminary hosted a dinner.
At the end of the Founder’s Day Mass, Fr. O’Hara presented Spirit of Holy Cross Awards to four individuals for their support and work with the United States Province in appreciation for their spirit of collaboration in the Mission of the Congregation and in particular the Province. The individuals who received this award were recognized for their unique gifts in assisting the Province in many different ministries. As Fr. O’Hara pointed out, “we could not accomplish the many things we do without the generous spirit of collaboration each of these individuals contribute to our schools, parishes and houses of formation.” Similar presentations were also made in our other schools and some of our parishes on the same day.

Left: Diane Welihan, former Administrator at Moreau Seminary, with Fr. Peter Jarret, C.S.C., who nominated her for the award.

Below: Diane Welihan seated at the Sacred Heart Basilica with her family.

Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., with Wayne and Diana Murdy, the couple he nominated for the Spirit of Holy Cross Award. Wayne and Diana donated the funds for the new pipe organ at the Basilica.

Left: James Kavanagh, Administrator at Corby Hall, receives the Holy Cross Award from Fr. Austin Collins who nominated him for the award.

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Other Founders Day Celebrations

King’s College

Members of the Holy Cross Community at King’s College gathered on Moreau Day to present the Spirit of Holy Cross Award to Anne Noone, the Administrative Assistant to Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., President of King’s College.

Stonehill College

On Monday, January 16th, the Stonehill Community celebrated Moreau Day as guests of Holy Cross Family Ministries at the Peyton Center. The Spirit of Holy Cross Award was presented to Ken Percy of the College Facilities Department.

Fr. Walter Jenkins, C.S.C., celebrant of the Moreau Day Mass at King’s, presenting the Award to Anne Noone, with her husband and Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., the President of King’s College.

Novice Nick Galasso serving the Founder’s Day Mass with Fr. Leo Polselli, C.S.C., the celebrant.

University of Portland

On January 20, members of Holy Cross and the UP community gather for Founder’s Day Mass followed by a festive dinner. The Spirit of Holy Cross Award was also presented at the end of Mass to Sister Sue Bruno, O.S.F., Hall Director of Fields Hall. In addition to the Holy Cross Community, former recipients of the Spirit of Holy Cross Award at the University of Portland were also present for the festivities.

Sr. Sue receiving applause from those present in The Chapel of Christ the Teacher.

Sr. Sue receiving the Award from Fr. Charlie McCoy, C.S.C.

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Fr. Bob Wiseman, C.S.C., the Pastor of Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales in Bennington presented the Spirit of Holy Cross Award to Mary Flood who has collaborated with Holy Cross since 1952 first as a parishioner of one of our parishes in Montreal. Since 1982, she has been associated with Sacred Heart Parish where she has served as part-time parish secretary, coordinator of religious education and chair of the parish council. Fr. Bob Wiseman, C.S.C., stated that as coordinator of religious education she managed to combine two religious education programs totaling 350 young people with her amazing organization skills.

Mary Flood received the Award from Fr. Bob Wiseman, C.S.C.
Casa Santa Cruz

On February 24th the Casa hosted the presentation of the Spirit of Holy Cross Award to Ted Dunne, a gentleman who has for the last 18 years been a mainstay in keeping André House running; doing all the behind-the-scenes stuff involving electricity, plumbing, maintenance and more. As the size of André House grew so did his involvement and his faithfulness and cheerfulness. Forty people participated in the celebration, including the Dunne Family, André House Staff, and Core, and the residents of Casa Santa Cruz. Fr. John Pearson, C.S.C, the Superior, celebrated and preached at the Mass to begin the celebration. A social and dinner prepared by Casa chef Eric Howard followed. Fr. Jim Blantz, C.S.C., fascinated and entertained the guests after dinner.

Below: Fr. Tom Doyle, C.S.C., the Director of André House, with Ted Dunne, the recipient of the Spirit of Holy Cross Award.


Congratulations

2017 Spirit of Holy Cross Award Recipients

Nancy Conroy, Nursing Assistant at Holy Cross House

Brian Doyle, Editor of the Portland University Magazine

Paul Fujawa, Parish Volunteer at St. Casimir Parish

James Kramer, Associate Director of Development for the United States Province

Pedro Pablo Miranda, Manager of St. George’s College

Mary Nucciarone, Director of Financial Aid at the University of Notre Dame

Benito Salazar, Director of the “Celestial Choir” at St. Adalbert Parish

Lucyann Skvarla, Assitant to the Dean of Admissions, King’s College

We are so grateful to each one of you for your contribution to the mission of Holy Cross!
Assembly in Perú

Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C., made the Provincial Visit to the District of Perú and attending the District Assembly while there.

Pictured above are members of the District who attended the Assembly with Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C., and Fr. Pepe Ahumada, C.S.C., the District Superior of Perú and Chile.

Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., enjoying a lighter moment with Fr. Philip Devlin, C.S.C.

Fr. Julio Aries, C.S.C., Fr. Jose Luis Tineo, C.S.C., and Fr. Elmer Caro, C.S.C., celebrated their first anniversary of their Ordination during the Assembly.

Futuro Chile-Perú

The Committee Futuro Chile-Perú, a group that has been asked to consider the feasibility of establishing a new single district of Chile-Perú. They met in Lima, Perú the second week of August and were guests for lunch at the House of Formation.

Holy Cross In

East Africa

Provincial Visit to the District of East Africa

1. Regional Meeting in Nairobi: Holy Cross Religious with the Provincial Visitors.

2. Four seminarians received the order of acolyte.

3. Regional Meeting in Tanzania: Holy Cross Religious with the Provincial Visitors.


5. The Provincial Visitors with Fr. Tom Smith, C.S.C. the Director of Novices, with the Novices and Staff in Lake Saaka

6. The Visitors with C.S.C.s who attended the Regional Meeting in Lake Saaka.
Holy Cross in Mexico

Fr. Carlos de los Santos, C.S.C., Farewell in Mexico to Study in Rome

The Community in Mexico gathered for Mass and a meal to celebrate the going away of Fr. Carlos de los Santos, C.S.C., who will be going to Rome to study at the Pontifical Gregorian University for a degree in Fundamental Theology.

Fr. Carlos presiding and preaching at the Mass.

Fr. Carlos enjoying the Mariachi playing after dinner.

The Community gathered for a photo after Mass with Fr. Carlos.
Renovation at La Luz

The picture below shows the renovation of the rectory at La Luz. With this addition of a third floor, it will be used for the Formation House.

Dinner with the Seminarians

Fr. Armando Morales, C.S.C., had lunch with men in formation.

Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Tom Zurcher, C.S.C., after Mass at the Basilica in Guadalupe.

Two postulants, Enrique and Imanoil, in front of a newly purchased house being used for formation until the renovation is complete. This house will then be used as the rectory for the parish.
Holy Cross in CHILE


Gabriel Fuentes, C.S.C., renewing his vows during the Retreat.

Fr. Pepe Ahumada, C.S.C., delivering the homily at the Mass for Renewal of Vows of Gabriel Fuentes, C.S.C.
Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., sent the pictures below capturing the new House of Formation in Santiago which he hopes is completed by Easter. A dedication of the new building will follow in May.

On Saturday, May 27th, C.S.C.s dedicated the new house of formation in Chile which provides formation for our men from Chile, Perú, Brazil, Haiti, and Mexico. Fr. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., and Fr. Rick Wilkinson, C.S.C., were there for the Provincial Visit and the Dedication. Fr. Bob Epping, C.S.C., was also there. Fr. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C., and Br. Jonathan Beebe, C.S.C., (MP) were also present for the dedication.

The library and the chapel taken from outside.

The main entrance.

An overview of the entire building project.


International House of Formation ...
On Saturday, May 20, Fr. Robert L. Epping, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presided at the dedication of the new Holy Cross House of Formation in Santiago, Chile. The Santiago house of formation serves an international community, with men in formation coming from Brazil, Chile, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, and the United States.

Given its international nature and mission, the inauguration of the Holy Cross House of Formation drew an international group of Holy Cross religious. Both Fr. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., Superior, and Fr. Richard Wilkinson, C.S.C., Vicar, of the United States Province, the sponsoring province of the Congregation’s mission in Chile, were present, as was Fr. Pepe Ahumada, C.S.C., Superior of the District of Chile and the District of Peru.

Also in attendance were: Fr. Eric Jasmin, C.S.C., Superior of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province (Haiti); Br. Nilto Oliveira, C.S.C., Superior of the District of Peru; Fr. Donald Fetters, C.S.C., Director of Temporarily Professed Religious and Postulants in Mexico; Br. Jonathan Beebe, C.S.C., Counselor of the Moreau Province (United States); and Fr. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C., Director of the Holy Cross Mission Center.

Representing the Holy Cross sisters at the Dedication, in addition to the local community of sisters, were: Sr. Noyli Rios, C.S.C., and Sr. Leia Finnerty, C.S.C, both of whom came from Peru.

The inaugural festivities began on Thursday, May 18, when the Cardinal Archbishop of Santiago, His Eminence Ricardo Ezzati, came to consecrate the house of formation’s new chapel, which is dedicated to Nuestra Señora de Santa Cruz (Our Lady of Holy Cross).

The seminarians proposed the name for the chapel after a communal discernment. They drew their inspiration from the Congregation’s conventual church in LeMans, France, Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix, which Blessed Basile Moreau, the Congregation’s founder, intended to be a sign of the community’s unity. Since Moreau, Marian devotion has been an important part of Holy Cross spirituality, and it is also a central part of most Latin American popular piety.

The Consecration began outside the chapel doors, with the architects, Vicente Gumucio and Daniela Cortes, and the District of Chile Administrator, Fernando Torres, entrusting the chapel to the Archbishop.

Then the Cardinal gave the keys to Fr. Andrew Gawrych, C.S.C., Director of the House of Formation; Br. Edson Pereira, C.S.C, Assistant Director; and Fr. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C., Formation Staff, who opened the doors. The Cardinal then led the community into the chapel.

In his homily, Cardinal Ezzati spoke about how the beautiful new house of formation, built at a time of dwindling vocations, was a great sign of hope, not just for the Congregation of Holy Cross, but for the wider Church. He encouraged the men to continue to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus, with Mary as their guide, so that they could truly be men with hope to bring.

Following the homily, after invoking the intercession of the saints, Br. Donald Kuchenmeister, C.S.C., presented relics of Blessed Basile Moreau and St. André Bessette, the Congregation’s first saint, to Cardinal Ezzati to be installed in the altar.

The altar was then incensed, decorated, and lit with candles for the first celebration of the Eucharist in the Chapel.

The dedication on Saturday, on the other hand, was a chance to celebrate and give thanks with the wider, extended Holy Cross family. “We are happy to share with you this grand day,” said Fr. O’Hara in his remarks. “Without a doubt, this beautiful building is a sign of the United States Province’s commitment to the District of Chile. But we are not committed to a building, as important as it is. Much more important is our commitment to the members of the Congregation that will live and study here.

“The men who come from Chile, Peru, Brazil, Haiti, the United States and other countries are going to call this place their house, their home,” he continued. “We believe in you all, our brothers, and we pray that Our Lady of Holy Cross cares well for you.”

Article excerpted from the Holy Cross Generalate website.
59th Anniversary of the Santa Cruz Chapel in Penalolen, Chile

On Sunday, May 7th, Fr. Daniel Panchot, C.S.C., celebrated the 59th anniversary of the Chapel of Santa Cruz where C.S.C.s have served over these years. At the beginning of Mass, the following was read, “...today we have assembled to celebrate our 59th anniversary and in thanksgiving for the arrival of the Congregation of Holy Cross to Penalolen.... This chapel carries the name, and is the cause of great joy and a profound commitment to Christian life, because the Cross leads us to Christ Resurrected.”

Gathering of Young Leaders in Chile

On the weekend of June 3rd and 4th, 15 youth-5 from St. George’s College, 5 from Andacollo, 3 from the parish in Calle Larga, and 2 from San Roque Parish-gathered for a meeting of young leaders with the hope of a larger gathering in October. The theme of the meeting was “Bringing Hope.” It began in the new house of formation which is a wonderful place to host gatherings like these, and then went to the overnight retreat center in El Quisco.

Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., in the center of the picture-with the 15 youths who gathered for the weekend retreat.

The retreatants began their weekend with prayer in the Chapel of the new house of formation in Santiago.
Visit to Our Lady of Andacollo College


The Feast of *el Señor de los Milagros*.

Bishop Arthur Colgan, C.S.C., Represents the Peruvian Bishop in Santiago, Chile for the Feast of el Señor de los Milagros.

This feast which is a huge feast in Perú is also the second largest religious procession of the year in Chile.

Below Left: Bishop Colgan is pictured below with a group of cloistered Franciscan Sisters who received permission to attend this feast day.

Below Right: Antonio Wanderley, a seminarian from Brazil and Bishop Colgan.

Golden Jubilees at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Calle Lara, Chile celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Ordination of its Pastor, Fr. Roberto Gilbo, C.S.C., and one of its Associate Pastors, Fr. Fermin Donoso, C.S.C., on the 15th of September, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Left to right: Fr. Fermin Donoso, C.S.C., and Fr. Roberto Gilbo, C.S.C.

Holy Cross Youth Gathering in Chile

During the first weekend in October, 35 students from all of the Congregation’s apostolates in Chile gathered for a weekend retreat. Four of the seminarians, Jean Vital, Sebastiao Bezerra, Jim, and Jose Junior were some of the key leaders of the weekend. Fr. Drew Gawrych, C.S.C., was the chaplain. The Theme was: One Heart, Many Faces.

Holy Cross in Bangladesh

Pope Francis visits Holy Cross in Bangladesh

During his recent visit to Bangladesh, Pope Francis visited Holy Cross University in Dhaka for the laying of the corner stone at the school. Also while in Bangladesh, he ordained five Holy Cross Priests along with other Bangladeshi Priests.

Jose Junior from Brazil and Vickie a student from Collegio Andocollo were the animators.

Students participated in an enlivening morning prayer led by San Roque Parish.

Pope Francis blessing the documents for the corner stone. On his left is Cardinal Patrick D’Rozario, C.S.C, Fr, Patrick Gaffney, C.S.C., the Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University, Bangladesh, and Bishop Lawrence Subrato Howlander, C.S.C.

The five Holy Cross priests ordained in Bangladesh during Pope Francis’ visit.
Requiescat
in pace ...

Please continue to remember in your prayers, these, our brothers in Holy Cross, who’ve gone on to their eternal reward in the year 2017. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.


Fr. John M. Mulcahy, C.S.C., died at Atikokan, Ontario, Canada on September 21, 2017.


The gathered members of the Holy Cross Community extend hands of blessing over Br. Ed Luther, C.S.C., at the Mass celebrating his retirement.