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Annual
Report
Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014

From the Provincial Superior

My dear friends in Christ,

Stewardship is one of the most visible means by which we witness our love of God. It is a recognition that all we possess are God's gifts to us and we have an obligation to use those gifts to advance His Kingdom. There are countless ways we live as faithful stewards, from our commitment to prayer and worship, our daily service to others and our attitude toward and sharing of our material possessions.

In reviewing the contents of this issue of *Pillars*, particularly the individual stories of those who support Holy Cross and the magnitude of the gifts we received, I was moved by the examples of stewardship that empowered the United States Province this past year. I am grateful to you for your witness and for the impact it has on the mission and ministries of Holy Cross.

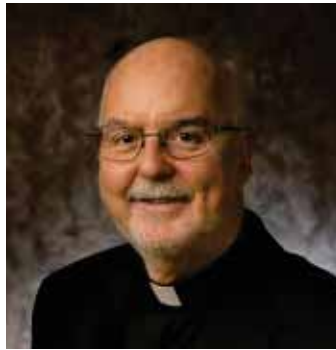
We share a commitment to stewardship. Holy Cross honors each gift we receive and utilizes these gifts daily to advance God's Kingdom. In addition, we routinely try to convey to you just how your generosity affects Holy Cross and the thousands of lives we reach each day.

I look at stewardship in the context of "the great band of men" that is Holy Cross. You might be familiar with the quote from our Constitutions, "We asked how we might follow, and we found many footprints on the road. A great band of men had passed this way, men who had made and lived by their vows, men who had walked side by side in their following of the Lord. They beckoned us to fall in step with them. We wanted to be part of the family they formed in order to share in their life and work." Your generosity supports this "great band of men." You empower us to walk in the footsteps of Holy Cross men who walked before us - men like our Founder, Blessed Basil Moreau; and like our dear friend Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who recently passed from this life to the next.

Many of the gifts we receive support our Formation programs in the United States, East Africa and Central and South America. The more than 100 young men responding to God's call through Holy Cross are learning what it means to be among a great band and to share in our apostolic work, while their elders, the great band of men who reside at Holy Cross House, also recipients of charitable gifts, are beacons of selfless service who continue their formation and ministry through prayer. Be assured that from the youngest member in formation to our senior members, all are praying daily for you and are propelled ever forward by your generosity. This is no small accomplishment and the depth of our gratitude is shared by every member of Holy Cross and by those we serve through education, parish and mission.

Let me close with a prayer for you from the *Congregation of Holy Cross Directory of Devotional Prayer*, which reads: "Gracious God, pour out your blessings on our benefactors. Their goodness has encouraged us, and their gifts have enhanced our mission to be educators in the faith ..."

May God bless you and your families and may God continue to bless the Congregation of Holy Cross.



Fr. Tom O'Hara, CSC
Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.

Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers

We are an apostolic, Roman Catholic community of priests and brothers, who with zeal and a preferential option for the poor, work to make God known, loved and served in our education, parish and mission communities across the United States, and around the world.



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Uniting those who are called to be witnesses of Christ's love and stewards of His gifts, with our mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God to all.

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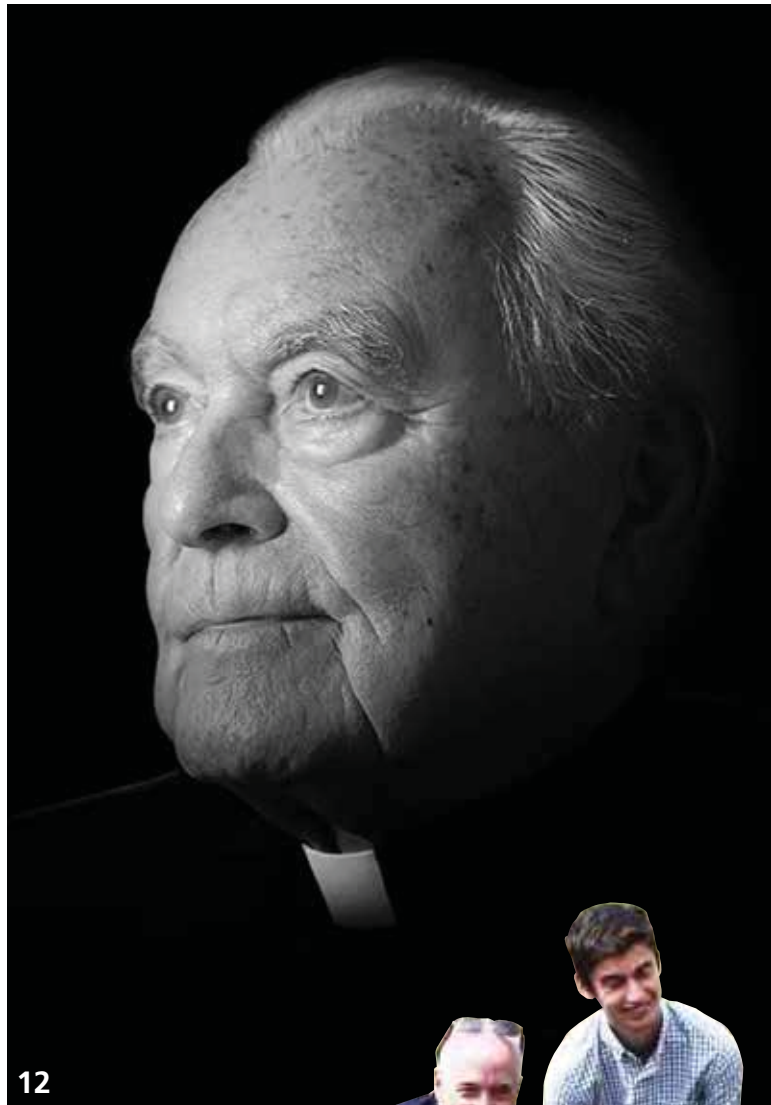
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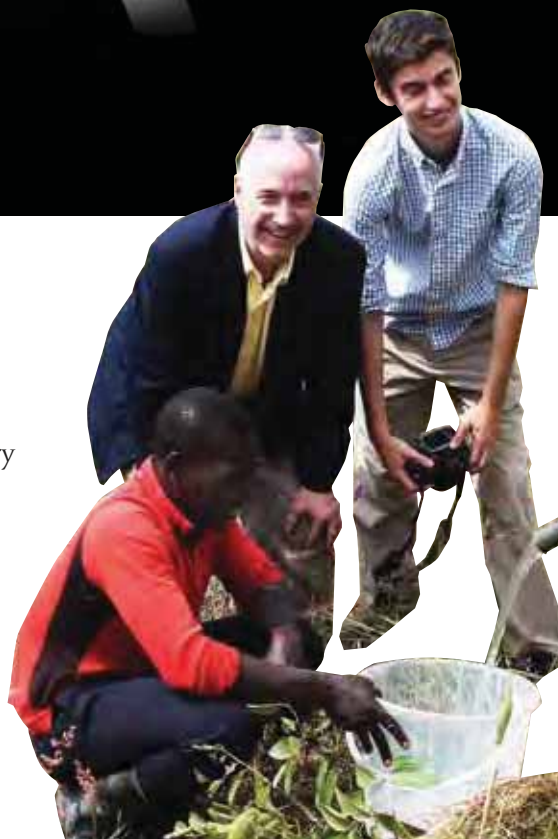


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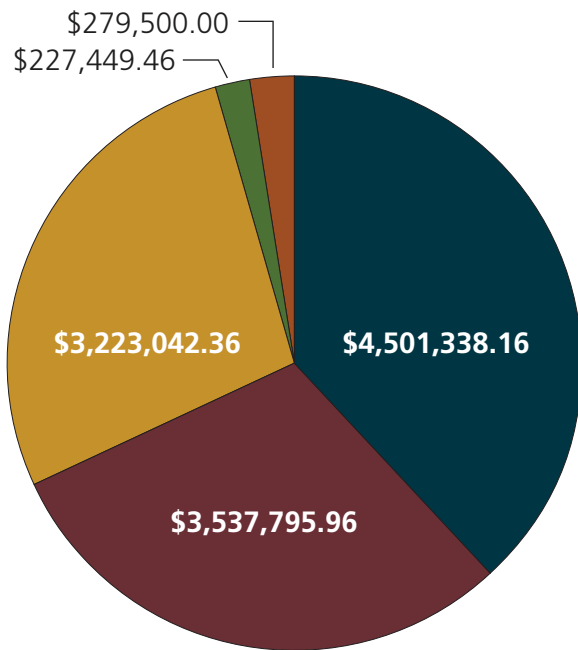
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We are a healthy and vibrant community fortunate enough to have a mixture of all age groups – men in their 20s to their 90s – and blessed to have more experienced religious who guide, teach, and mentor our growing number of young men in formation.

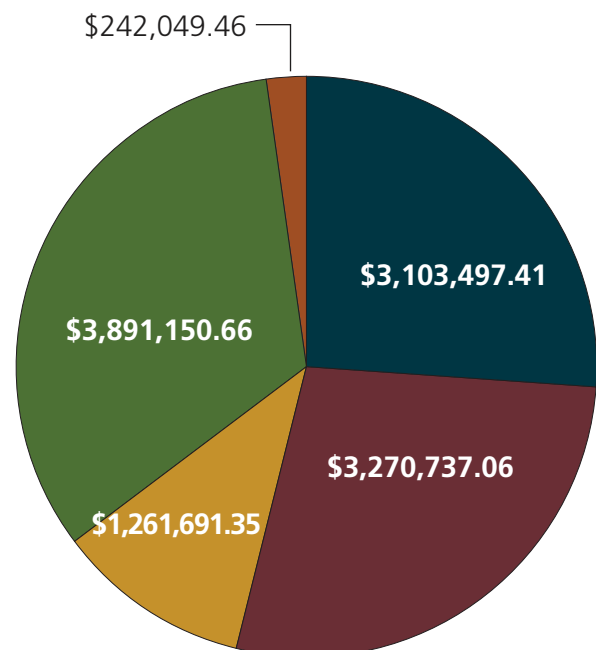
To remain vibrant and in order to carry out our mission as Holy Cross religious, your generous support of formation, healthcare, operations, and more are vital. We are pleased to share with you how your gifts make an impact, as well as highlight areas that experience the highest ongoing need. All figures are taken from the 2013 - 2014 financial statements.

Sources of Gifts



● Footsteps Campaign	\$4,501,338.16
● Annual Gifts	\$3,537,795.96
● Planned Gifts	\$3,223,042.36
● Masses, Prayers, Votives	\$227,449.46
● Grants	\$279,500.00
Total	\$11,769,125.94

Gift Designations



● Unrestricted	\$3,103,497.41
● Education, Formation, Vocations	\$3,270,737.06
● Care for Retired Priests	\$1,261,691.35
● Missions	\$3,891,150.66
● Masses, Prayers, Votives	\$242,049.46
Total	\$11,769,125.94

Overview

U.S. Province Operating Expenses - \$20.243 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



27%

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



12%

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 C.S.C. in pursuit of advanced studies



5%

Missions and Other

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



4%

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



8%

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.

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2013-2014 Fiscal Year Overview

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Holy Cross Mission Center Distributions & Expenses

\$4.924 million

17%

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

15%

Bangladesh

Assisting Notre Dame University in Dhaka with fundraising needs for construction of its facilities; 13 parishes – including 10 tribal parishes – educates thousands of children; Family Rosary International is also present helping thousands of new Christians

14%

South America

The District of Chile includes parishes and social service; lay formation; youth ministry; social justice work; outreach to abandoned and abused children in Santiago; prevention programs for the children of Santiago, city center; Family Rosary International; strong vocation program

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 Downs’ Syndrome and cerebral palsy. The District of Perú also has two houses of formation

47%

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, Boma Rescue Center for children; Brother André Dispensary treats hundreds seeking medical assistance each day; Holy Cross Bugembe in Jinja, which operates St. Andrew, St. Jude and Holy Cross Primary Schools, along with a 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

4%

Management, General and Fundraising

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

2%

Formation and Education

in South America and East Africa; Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre Jinja, the educational facility for the first three years of Holy Cross formation; Lake Saaka Novitiate in western Uganda; post-novitiate seminary “McCauley House” is being built in Nairobi, Kenya

U.S. Province Endowment Composition

\$116 million



48%

Healthcare/
Retirement



28%

Education and
Formation



15%

Plant



4%

Missions

Other

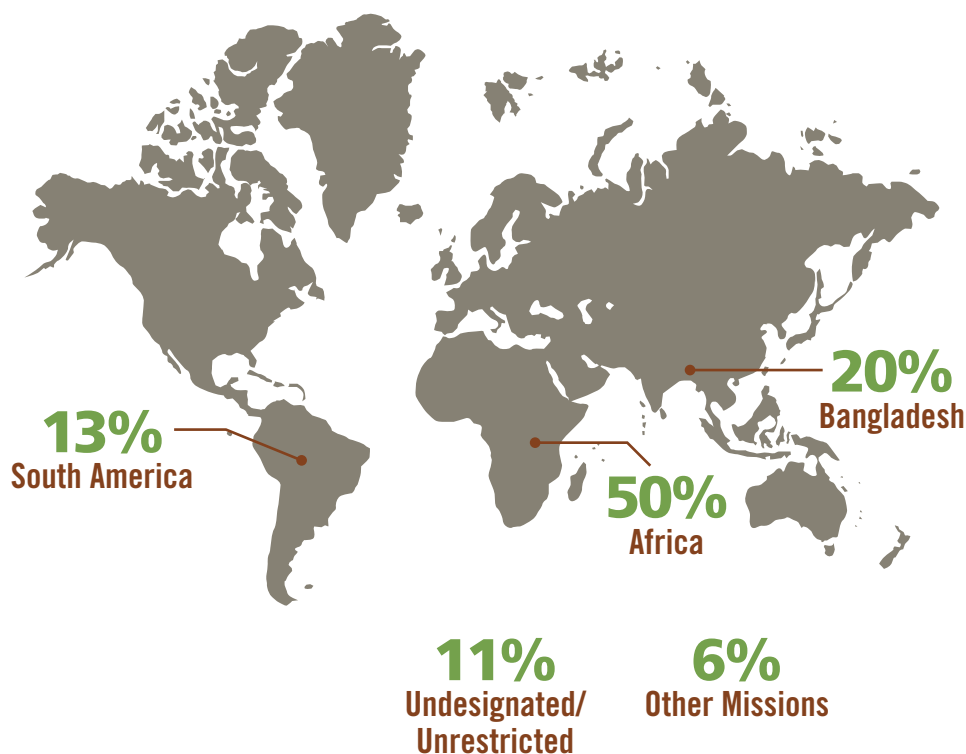
5%

Notes

Formation, care for regular ongoing expenses, and care for retired religious are all areas of ongoing need in any religious order. The cost of education and healthcare is also significant for the men in Holy Cross, just as they are for most families. To cover these expenses, the Congregation of Holy Cross has a general endowment that covers 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

\$33.792 million



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 and relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

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.

Holy Cross Into the Future:

*An Endowment Q&A with
Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.*

If you're not familiar with endowment funds, *Investopedia* tells us it's an investment fund set up by an institution or charitable organization in which regular withdrawals from the invested capital are used for ongoing operations or other specified purposes. Historically, they provide a growing but stable source of operational support that often provides 10 percent or more of an organization's operation budget. Donor established endowments represent permanent funds to be used in accordance with donor wishes for the programs of their choice. Endowments restricted to a specific purpose ensure that the activity has financial support in perpetuity. Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C., kindly sat down with *Pillars* to answer a few questions about the endowment funds in place at the Congregation of Holy Cross and why they are vital to the longevity of the order.

Q: Why are endowment funds so important for the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province?

Beauchamp: The U.S. Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, like any charitable organization, must balance the many important needs of current priests, brothers, and seminarians, with those of future generations, so we don't have to aggressively raise enough money each year just to cover expenses. Endowment funds are crucial to our long-term financial stability. You have that permanent principal, or corpus, which must remain intact, and you only use the income or dividends – you don't use the actual corpus itself. The way the Congregation has invested has been very prudent and has enabled us to generate revenue. We closely analyze our finan-

cial data, monitor trends, and make projections then allocate total earnings from endowment in a manner which balances current and future spending requirements, as well as provide a predictable and growing stream of earnings to endowed programs.

Q: What are the most important areas that need endowment support?

Beauchamp: Formation, healthcare, covering ongoing operating expenses, and care for our retired religious are all areas of ongoing need in any religious order. We have a general endowment, one 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 our seminarians, as well as men in advanced studies.

Our work with the missions, with parishes, and in a variety of other capacities wouldn't be possible without them.

Where we are also expanding greatly in terms of formation numbers is in Africa – a great blessing, but there is also great need there, and the same can also be said of Perú. If we are to continue to have a preferential option for the poor and our men are involved in working with people with great need, as is called for by the Church, we have to be able to support that. Otherwise, we might have to shift our focus away by carrying out fewer ministries. We never want to put ourselves in that kind of a position.

Q: *What would the Congregation look like without these endowment funds?*

Beauchamp: Like any organization with the need for endowment funds, we must closely monitor and restrict spending on an annual basis so that we are not using up the endowment earnings. This has made us financially sound into the future for at least a certain period of time, and provides needed resources for our men on an annual basis. The annual salaries of our religious who work in apostolates that are revenue-generating brings in about 52 percent of our total revenue, which on its own wouldn't cover all of our ministries. In fact, our annual salaries plus annual gifts combined still would not be enough to cover all expenses.

Our endowment funds, however, are established on a permanent basis and help us continue our commitment to the mission of our order to make God known, loved, and served. These funds allow us to be involved in ministries not based upon how much revenue it will generate, but how it accomplishes

the work of Holy Cross and the Church. Our work with the missions, with parishes, and in a variety of other capacities wouldn't be possible without them.

Q: *What is the minimum amount a donor can give to establish a named endowment with the Congregation of Holy Cross, and how is spending determined?*

Beauchamp: Named endowments are generally established with contributions of \$100,000 or more, unless there are unique circumstances. And, of course, the donor may designate what it is to be used for – whether formation, health, education, capital, or maintenance of our properties. As far as spending is concerned, we try to limit our endowment spending to about 5 percent of our total endowment value each year, which means we must, conservatively, make about 8 percent annually.

For those thinking of setting up an endowment, there are many ways to do it, and it doesn't have to be funded with outright, one-time, cash gifts. For example, we can suspend your gifts and let them build up over time or you can designate an endowment to the Congregation in your Last Will and Testament when doing your estate planning. It all boils down to whether you see, as we do, the vital importance of our ministries and wish to help us carry them out – in perpetuity. You can directly help us tend to the many, many needs in our midst - in education, parish, and mission. ✠



**REV. E. WILLIAM
BEAUCHAMP, C.S.C., J.D.,
ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL**

Fr. Beauchamp was ordained in 1982. He served in higher education as the executive vice president of the University of Notre Dame and as the President of the University of Portland. He also taught at the Notre Dame Law School and Mendoza College of Business Administration. He holds multiple degrees: B.S. and MBA in Accounting from University of Detroit, M.Div. and J.D. from Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School, respectively, plus an honorary doctorate from the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Six Men Ordained Holy Cross Priests

Six new priests were ordained on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of Peoria in Illinois, conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Rev. Matthew Fase, C.S.C.; Rev. David Halm, C.S.C.; Rev. Timothy Mouton, C.S.C.; Rev. Chase Pepper, C.S.C.; Rev. Daniel Ponisciak, C.S.C.; and Rev. Christopher Rehagen, C.S.C.

“Blessed Moreau bids us as Holy Cross priests to ‘work for holiness and eternal life by walking that route that Jesus took,’” said Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., Provincial Superior. “These six men have done so courageously, and not for the singular benefit of their union with God, but for the care and keeping of all who come to them seeking His salvation.”



FR. MATTHEW FASE, C.S.C.

Born: June 25, 1987, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Parents: Steve and Patty Fase, Rockford, Mich.
College: University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2010
Graduate Study: Notre Dame, M.Div., 2014
Entered Formation: 2006, Old College
First Vows: July 30, 2011
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: Holy Redeemer Parish, Portland, Ore.



FR. DAVID HALM, C.S.C.

Born: August 2, 1981, Fremont, Ohio
Parents: Deborah Kuns and John Halm, Clyde, Ohio
College: University of Notre Dame, B.B.A., 2004
Graduate Study: Notre Dame, M.Div., 2013
Entered Formation: 2000, Old College
First Vows: July 30, 2005
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear, Ariz.



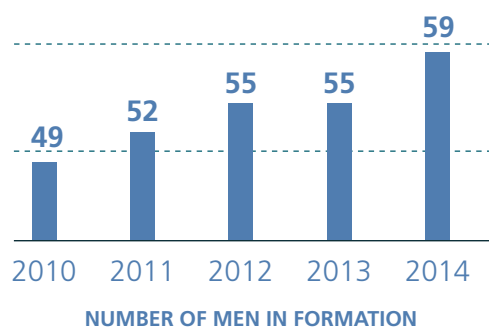
FR. TIMOTHY MOUTON, C.S.C.

Born: Dec. 23, 1987, Houston, Texas
Parents: Martin and Paula Mouton, Houston, Texas
College: University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2010
Graduate Study: Notre Dame, M.Div., 2014
Entered Formation: 2006, Old College
First Vows: July 30, 2011
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: Stonehill College, Easton, Mass.

Focus on Formation

REV. JAMES GALLAGHER, C.S.C., DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

There is often a general sense that vocations to the priesthood and religious life are down in the U.S. Yet, in the United States Province of Holy Cross, we have been seeing a slow rise in the number of men in formation, and this year's Ordination of six Holy Cross priests is the largest Ordination class in recent history! Each year since, we have seen small, but encouraging increases:



There are a range of factors that can be credited with this rise. The primary factor is the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of these young men. Other factors include Holy Cross priests and brothers, family and friends, and alumni and parishioners of Holy Cross institutions reaching out and encouraging young men to consider the call. As well, our Office of Vocations has been able to grow the presence of Holy Cross online through a robust website, active presence on Facebook, regular sharing on Twitter, and content on YouTube. Young people spend a good bit of time online. If we are able to be there where they are, we are able to keep God's call on their mind. Through your generosity, Holy Cross has the resources available to interact with young men and help them to hear and answer God's call.



REV. JAMES
GALLAGHER, C.S.C.,
DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Fr. Gallagher has served as Director of the Office of Vocations since 2009. A native of South Bend, Ind., Fr. Jim earned a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering ('98) and M.Div. ('06) from the University of Notre Dame.



FR. CHASE PEPPER, C.S.C.

Born: Jan. 19, 1985, Ft. Belvoir, Va.
Parents: Barry and Lorrie Pepper, Huntsville, Ala.
College: Seton Hall University, B.A., 2007
Graduate Study: Notre Dame, M.Div., 2014
Entered Formation: 2009, Postulant
First Vows: July 30, 2011
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



FR. DANIEL PONISCIAK, C.S.C.

Born: Nov. 23, 1979, Philadelphia, Pa.
Parents: Dorothy and Michael Ponisciak, Fox Chase Manor, Pa.
College: University of Richmond, B.A., 2002
Graduate Study: College of William & Mary, M.Ed., 2005; Notre Dame, M.Div., 2014
Entered Formation: 2009, Postulant
First Vows: July 30, 2011
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Austin, Texas



FR. CHRISTOPHER REHAGEN, C.S.C.

Born: May 5, 1987, Jefferson City, Mo.
Parents: Mark and Susan Rehagen, Jefferson City, Mo.
College: University of Notre Dame, B.A., 2009
Graduate Study: Notre Dame, M.Div., 2014
Entered Formation: 2009, Postulant
First Vows: July 30, 2011
Final Vows: Sept. 13, 2014
Deacon Placement: Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Ind.

The Mendelson Fund

Furthering Formation

Fifteen years ago, Joe Mendelson was faced with an interesting decision.

Joe's father, Herbert Mendelson, made a significant gift to the University of Notre Dame in 1951 as a loan fund for Notre Dame students in the business school who needed financial support. The fund served Notre Dame students quite well through the 1950s, but was no longer necessary following the advent of the Federal Student Loan Program.

In 1997, Joe received a call from the Notre Dame Development Department informing him that the fund was in suspense and its value had increased significantly. An alternative use for the funds was necessary.

An idea came to Joe while he was running on the beach near his Southern California home. According to Joe, it was divine intervention.

Joe recalled the many times of his youth visiting Notre Dame with his father. Herbert served on the Advisory Council of the College of Business for the University under the presidency of Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C. Joe's fond memories include spending time in Fr. Cavanaugh's office and meeting other Holy Cross religious during his visits. Those memories ignited a desire to help support the Congregation of Holy Cross and the young men who are discerning a religious vocation with the Congregation.

Recognizing that some Holy Cross seminarians have loan debt, particularly those who enter the formation program after receiving an undergraduate or advanced degree, and that once a seminarian professes Final Vows with Holy Cross the debt becomes the responsibility of the United States Province, Joe worked with the University and the Congregation of Holy Cross to develop a program to

underwrite the debt.

The first funding was granted in 2002. In the 13 years under Joe's guidance, a total of \$643,800 has been gifted to Holy Cross.

In 2013, inspiration again came when some unused fund earnings were available. Joe and his wife Barbara asked if there were other formation opportunities the fund could support. After meeting with Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C., Provincial Superior, they developed a secondary focus for the fund, providing financial resources for both recurring and unique formation opportunities for temporarily professed members of Holy Cross. Toward this end, the Herbert Mendelson Fund has gifted more than \$166,479 for international immersion experiences to Bangladesh, Israel, México, France and Perú, provided underwriting for workshops and retreats, and supported textbooks and other formation resources. These enhanced learning opportunities have been of tremendous benefit for the young seminarians in further preparing them for their lives in ministry.

The prompting of the Holy Spirit, along with their faithful stewardship, brought Joe and Barbara closer to Holy Cross in creating a unique legacy to serve Holy Cross and the Church for generations to follow.



Barbara and Joe Mendelson, center, were honored by Fr. Tom O'Hara, C.S.C., second from right, for their support of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Surrounding Joe and Barbara are a few of the Holy Cross priests benefitting from the Mendelson Fund.

Reflections on
REV. THEODORE M.
HESBURGH
C.S.C.



The Internet, radio, television and newspapers all yielded beautiful tributes to Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., as well as powerful reminders of his societal impact. What may not have been trumpeted quite as loudly are some of the stories that underscore the deep spiritual and personal impact he had on those who found themselves lucky to be in his midst. A couple of such reminiscences are shared in the pages that follow.

“Once when I asked him, ‘How can you advise anybody to be a leader of a great nation?’ he said, ‘be human.’ Father Hesburgh has made the world a better place — for those of us whose lives he has touched directly and as an inspiration for generations to come.”

– Jimmy Carter,
39th President of the United States

“The priesthood and the Eucharist was everything in his life ... he was a very devout man ... nobody has any memories of Notre Dame or Holy Cross without him.”

– Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

“To see Father Ted preside and preach at Mass was inspiring [...] It was also inspiring to hear him talk with Mary, as we would pause driving by the Grotto in recent years. You would think that she was on the front seat with us.”

– Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.

Remembrance from
Rev. Charles Kohlerman, C.S.C.

My first encounters with Fr. Ted came in the 1950s when I was an undergraduate seminarian at Moreau Seminary (1954-58). Fr. Ted became President of the University of Notre Dame in 1952 and I had the great experience of periodically serving his Masses in the crypt of what is now the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. He often offered his private Mass (pre-Vatican II) later in the morning and I could go to the crypt between classes. At that time, I think I learned to respect him both as the President of the University and also as a Holy Cross priest, something I was preparing to become. It was at this time that I felt his “graciousness” – something that I think was one of his major characteristics that he shared with me.



MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Thoughts of Ted from
Rev. David Theodore Tyson, C.S.C.

On a fall night in 1981, I was a 33 year old priest sitting in my room at Dillon Hall at about 11:00 p.m. The phone rang. When I answered, I was greeted with the salutation, "Hello Dave. This is Ted Hesburgh." I paused thinking this was a joke. I then responded, "Who?" He again said, "Ted Hesburgh. I wanted to see if you were free to come over to the office for a chat." "Do you mean now?" I replied. "Sure, I'm always up late," he said. "Ok. I'll be right over." (I saw my life pass before my eyes.) I put on black pants, a collar shirt, double checked to be sure the collar was in, and headed, no, raced out the door.

I stood in front of the main building, looking up at the lights of Ted's office that suddenly seemed ominous. I then remembered that the doors to the building would be locked. Like the "Wizard of Oz", the big front door opened, and there was the one and only Ted Hesburgh. Up the stairs I went. Then, up to the fourth floor we went. I saw Ted at Corby table and at C.S.C. events, but it wasn't like we "hung out." So, my head was spinning as to what he could possibly want of a relatively new assistant professor of management.

That phone call on the fall night of 1981, and the subsequent conversation, irreversibly changed the trajectory of my life in ways that I could never have imagined. I left his office at 2:00 a.m. I had just agreed that I would serve as the Executive Assistant not just to any President but THIS President. My head and heart were screaming, "What just happened?!" I went straight to the Grotto!

Fast forward almost thirty-four years to March 3 and 4, 2015. A very different priest, soon to celebrate his 67th birthday, was lost in his thoughts in Sacred Heart Basilica, reflecting with profound gratitude on the gift this brother Holy Cross Priest gave to him. The gift he gave was the gift of himself: his time (anytime), his space, his wisdom, his experience, his spirituality, his prayers, his patience, his chastisement, his guidance, his compassionate heart, his tough will, and most of all his zeal for being a priest, and how administration could well be a ministry if you are a priest first.

Everything everyone said about the character, Faith, and accomplishments of Father Ted during those days of wake and funeral was true. But it struck me that I had the unique opportunity to experience all of these

things up close and personal. I was able to not only hear his wisdom, compassion, and zeal, I was able to feel it, touch it, and even smell it, thanks to those God forsaken Cuban cigars and Brazilian cigarillos. I was able to not just know he was a devoted priest but to experience his Mass and to pray with him. In all of it, over all these years, Ted never quit being to me what in the end was that which taught me, and that was to be a mentor. There is nothing he couldn't say to me and vice versa. He could put me at ease in awkward moments, especially when I was his religious superior. Our first time together after I was elected provincial superior, he told me that he was always an obedient religious. He laughed when I implored him to keep it up. A few months after his collaborator and dear friend, Father Ned Joyce died.

I took Ted to lunch. I was a nervous wreck due to the topic. So, I didn't tarry after we sat down. I told him that I wanted to speak to him about something specifically and that it might be awkward. He looked me straight in the eye and said, "It's my death and funeral, isn't it?" I smiled widely at him, and replied, "I'm glad you said it first." He went on: "I want a typical Holy Cross funeral; and don't need some bigwig cardinal to preach; and it must be in the Basilica, no matter what. I lay prostrate on that floor when I was ordained. I want to be buried from there. I know you'll get it done, Dave, 'ole snort." (I've never known why he frequently called me 'ole snort'.) I simply responded to his candor, "Of course."

Ted was of only one persona. He was the same with everyone, Pope or freshman. He was of good cheer most of the time, and loathed being uncharitable. He had foibles and knew them, so they were easy to absorb when you worked with him.

For two and a half years, he was the person I had contact with in the course of a day, more than any other. I served as one of his vice presidents from 1984 until his retirement as president in 1987. I enjoyed his support and encouragement as president of the University of Portland, and as provincial superior. My gratitude is immense.

The name "Ted" has been significant to me three times in my life: Ted (my president), Ted (my dad), and Ted (my middle name). I am glad for all three, and so very grateful for that blessing!

Campus Ministries

At the time Blessed Moreau founded Holy Cross in post-war Revolutionary France, both education and faith were recovering from years of suppression. An educator himself, Moreau charged his priests and brothers to be “educators in the faith.”

This educational mission continues to greatly mark the work of the United States Province today and is aided by your support directed to the formation of our priests and brothers, many of whom will become future administrators, educators, rectors, and priests-in-residence at one of four universities and colleges entrusted to our pastoral leadership. Each of these institutions maintains their own unique charism — but all are ultimately guided by the principles, philosophy and spirituality of Holy Cross.

University of Notre Dame

Established in 1842 by the Congregation of Holy Cross’ Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., the University of Notre Dame is at the forefront in research and scholarship, one of America’s leading undergraduate teaching institutions, and one of the world’s most renowned Catholic higher education institutions. In addition to the Holy Cross leadership at the university, a number of Holy Cross priests serve as rectors or live in undergraduate residence halls, further strengthening the university’s sense of community and spiritual life. They also bring hope as professors, campus ministers, and spiritual advisers — setting an ideal example of one living a life in **service to God and others**.

University of Portland

Known as “Oregon’s Catholic University,” Holy Cross has sponsored the University of Portland since 1901.

The University is ranked among the West’s top 10 schools by U.S. News and World Report and boasts some of the finest professors in the country. To date, 414 priests and brothers have served at the university — 19 of them as president — and today, Holy Cross priests and brothers continue to serve the university as senior administrators, professors, and rectors in the school’s nine residence halls. The university is a leader among master’s degree granting institutions for the number of graduates who become Fulbright Scholars and is ranked by Washington Monthly as a top school for graduates who enter **service careers**.

King’s College

Founded in 1946 by the Congregation of Holy Cross to educate the children of miners and mill workers in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. area, King’s College offers 35 different majors in various fields and is ranked among the nation’s best colleges by U.S. News and



Clockwise from top left, Stonehill College; center, University of Notre Dame; right, King's College; and above, University of Portland.

World Report. The college boasts an accredited business school, a widely respected physician's assistant program, an accredited teacher certification program, and a growing reputation for liberal arts excellence and **strong community service** orientation. King's alumni often cite Holy Cross priests and brothers – many of whom are administrators, faculty, academic advisors, campus ministers, club moderators or residence hall counselors – as being an important part of their education and a lasting influence on their lives.

Stonehill College

The Congregation of Holy Cross founded Stonehill College, a small liberal arts college outside of Boston, in 1948. With alumni now numbering 23,000, the college combines the best liberal arts education and selective pre-professional programs and has been nationally recognized for its numerous **community engagement** efforts by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation. It's estimated that 46% of Stonehill College graduates spend one year or more in **domestic or international service caring for the poor and marginalized**, in areas like India and the Dominican Republic.



Through your support and prayers, we are galvanized to continue the work of strengthening our sponsored colleges and universities as they exemplify the virtues Blessed Moreau intended nearly 180 years ago. These four institutions share the common thread of educating not just the mind, but the heart, as demonstrated by their alumni who are mindful of the needs of their community and the world.

The Impact of Your Hope and Help

BY REV. CHRISTOPHER REHAGEN, C.S.C.

Excerpted from a 2014 Advent homily given by Fr. Chris

A few years ago when I was still in the seminary, I spent a summer working with poor and homeless people at Saint André Bessette Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon. One of my roles in the parish was to work in what we called the triage room.

In this role, I met daily with anywhere between 5-10 poor or homeless people who signed up to talk to me. Sometimes they simply relayed their story or sought counsel, but most often, they were in need of assistance coming up with creative ways to address their needs. So I became good at communicating with local agencies to get them the assistance they needed.

There were some real success stories that summer – but, there were many more times when I unfortunately had to tell people that, no, I couldn't help them. I couldn't connect them to anyone who could be of service. I found this a very hard and taxing thing to do.

That's why I distinctly remember one Friday where it felt like I spent the whole morning telling people no. And, people were not taking it well that day. I remember having to escort a couple of different people out of the building because they were yelling at me and disrupting the other guests, and I was really frustrated and discouraged by the whole experience. I felt like I really wasn't doing any good, that many of the problems in society were beyond my control, and that I really just wanted to be done with my summer and to go back to the seminary.

I got through the last name on my list right before lunch when a homeless woman poked her head in

the room and asked to talk to me. I begrudgingly let her in and then settled in to listen to another story from another person who wanted something from me that I probably couldn't give her. So I was quite surprised, startled even, when this woman said: "You don't know me, but I just want to thank you. I want to thank you for all the work you do to let people see God through you." And then she just got up and left before I even had a chance to respond. I actually never saw her again. It was the strangest thing but it meant so much to me, and I'll never forget that conversation. It was a message of hope and comfort when I was really discouraged, and it helped me approach the rest of my summer with a new fervor and a new meaning.

I don't think I'm alone in having had this sort of a moment - a moment in which you were down, starting to lose hope in a certain situation or person, and someone offered just the right words or did just the right thing to give you hope, to reassure you and to put you at peace.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist gives a message of comfort and hope to a people desperate for Good News. And we know that all the beautiful promises God makes to his people in the Bible still apply to us today. God does not abandon his people and he will come again. We now await his coming in joyful hope.

The gifts you bring are vessels to spreading that hope, especially to those who may be struggling with their ability to see God's infinite goodness and compassion.

Our mission sends us across borders of every sort. Often, we must make ourselves at home among more than one people or culture, reminding us again that the farther we go in giving, the more we stand to receive.

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Constitutions of the Congregation
of Holy Cross, Constitution 2:17

Your gifts, great or small, whether made in support of Holy Cross through our missions, education, or parish — or, simply, words or deeds that spread hope, like the words Rev. Chris needed to hear from the woman at Saint André Bessette, make a tremendous difference in the world, and are all done out of our hope in Jesus Christ.

Saint André Bessette Catholic Church is just one of many Holy Cross ministries that are directly related to working with the poor. Saint André Bessette Catholic Church provides a safe and welcoming community for its neighbors surviving poverty, homelessness, mental illness, and addictions. They also provide meals, coffee, basic services, fellowship, a foot care program, art program, and food pantry.

André House in Phoenix, Arizona is another ministry where Holy Cross religious and other volunteers directly engage in social

justice ministry to the homeless and unemployed, assisting with meals, job training, shelter and other forms of counseling and training. More than 6,500 volunteers are needed annually to provide services six days a week, and without support and prayers, we could not feed, clothe and shelter our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

Both Saint André Bessette Catholic Church and André House are grateful for your support.

God does not abandon His people and He will come again, and we await his coming in joyful hope.

André House is a ministry to the homeless and poor populations of the Phoenix area, located in the heart of the Capital Mall District.



Journey to Uganda

Two members of the Wolohan family witness joy and challenges in East Africa



Above left, Mike and Ryan observe a new fresh water pump on the Lake View campus that now brings two sources of water to the school. Center, photo of boys' previous sleeping quarters. Right, new boys' dormitory stands in stark contrast to previous quarters.



Through collaboration with both Holy Cross Missions and Catholic Relief Services, we had an intriguing and engaging experience filled with tremendous insight and new understanding of the joy and challenges of the people of Uganda. We had the opportunity to encounter a broad range of emotion, people, geography, and spirituality.

One spiritual opportunity we were blessed to witness was the Ordination of 6 East Africans into the Congregation of Holy Cross. An outdoor ceremony was attended by over one thousand people from multiple countries; the joy of the gospel and the profound personal depth of the people's faith were both a marvelous thing to witness, as well as a personal challenge to increase the depth and joy of our own faith.

We visited the Lake View School run by Holy Cross and its associates. The teachers and students alike were focused, composed and determined. This school encompasses 9th through 12th grade in terms of the United States equivalent. It was clear that there was a high work ethic and learning culture present and the skills students learned at Lake View would serve them well on a lifelong basis. Many of the students reside at the school and Holy Cross is in the process of establishing a new campus so that the students can have living and sleeping quarters that are supportive of their growth in their academic studies *and* in their faith.

At every level of our interactions, the people of Uganda were overwhelming with their kindness, humility, generosity, and deep faith in God. From

Have you ever seen nuns dancing following Communion at Mass? I have, and it was one of the most joyous and spiritual experiences of my whole life. While visiting Uganda, I had the privilege of attending the Ordination of native Ugandans into the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Throughout this Ordination, the Ugandans sang and rejoiced with joy, unlike any I had ever seen before. In the United States, many Catholics view the Mass almost as a chore rather than something they really want to do, whereas in Uganda it is the exact opposite, every moment of the Mass is cherished. Mass is viewed as an actual celebration, which can explain the dancing! After experiencing this jubilant celebration, I began to examine my own faith. I grew up in a Catholic family and have attended a Catholic school my whole life, but my faith was nothing like that of the Ugandans. For this reason, I view my trip to Africa as a spiritual beginning. It made me reevaluate my faith, creating a deeper appreciation for God's great gifts for me and for the ability to openly share my faith with others.

– **Ryan Wolohan**



“... if we want to see the face of Christ, we need only look to see it in the kindness, spirit and generosity of the poor.”



Above, Lake View students pictured during their studies. These students struck the Wolohan's as extremely strong in faith and diligent in their work ethic, both spiritually and academically.

the emotional perspective, the emotions of fear, joy, wonder and sadness were all experienced. Fear of the unknown, fear of disease (Ebola and Malaria), and fear of learning things about ourselves, our lifestyle, and our culture that we may not like were realized and contemplated.

The joy of profound faith, of overwhelming generosity and of unselfish sacrifice was evident in many of the people we met. In a household of 5 people, 3 of whom were battling AIDS, living in a physical space of 8 x 10 feet, was a matriarch of this very poor family who had adopted a 3-year-old child with AIDS out of love and compassion. This was only one of many examples of Christ living among the people of Uganda. Despite their poor circumstances, they reach out to help others in need.

Vistas and landscapes, including the Nile, Lake Victoria, the African grasslands, as well as the bustling city and the diverse population of Kampala were truly amazing and fascinating. It opened our eyes to the beauty of Uganda and its people. We realized – in terms of spirituality – we are all children of the same God, a God that loves us all equally. One of our challenges moving forward is to share our resources with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The knowledge that we gained through our trip was the realization that if we want to see the face of Christ, we need only look to see it in the kindness, spirit and generosity of the poor.

May God bless Holy Cross Missions for the wonderful work they do in East Africa and all over the world.

– **Mike Wolohan**

These pictures reveal the life-changing impact your support has on Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School. Lake View was founded in 1993 in an abandoned one-room school house. Several makeshift structures quickly followed, but were constructed on bedrock. On-campus residence halls on the newly purchased land are vital, as students who aren't boarders have to walk many miles.

Healthy Men, Healthy Mission

A Q&A on Health Care and Aging in the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province, with Rev. Thomas C. Bertone, C.S.C.

For the last 12 years, Fr. Thomas Bertone, C.S.C., has held the position of Director of Health Care and Aging. For this issue of *Pillars*, Fr. Bertone sheds light on the role and why your support is instrumental not only in the lives of the priests and brothers, but to the mission of Holy Cross.

Q: What does the role of Director of Health Care and Aging entail?

Bertone: I track all of our priests and brothers, meet with those having health issues, and make sure all are safe and relatively independent. The transition from ministry to Holy Cross House in Notre Dame, Ind., where our independent living and skilled care facility is located, can be difficult, especially if dementia is a factor. I also coordinate driving evaluations and provide wellness presentations, and discuss advanced directives. I meet with many of our men, young and old. If they're not healthy, they can't work. The idea is to instill in our guys, early on, to take care of themselves, so we can continue to do our ministry.

Q. Are there any challenges you face preparing our men for what the future might hold?

Bertone: What I would like to be able to do more of is to get our older guys ready for retirement, if they haven't really thought about it. It is their identity and at times, it is hard to adjust. Also, if a health issue arises that compromises the ministry of a Holy Cross religious, and Holy Cross House is the best place for them, they won't find another place like it. Holy Cross House encourages ongoing formation among the brotherhood

of Holy Cross while providing quality care for short-term and long-term residents.

Q. Tell us about Holy Cross House — how many rooms are there, and how is it set up to accommodate Holy Cross priests and brothers?

Bertone: The current number of rooms available at Holy Cross House are limited, but it is set up such that a wing could be added. There are 57 rooms total - 27 skilled care and 30 independent living.

Like anyone would want for their own family, we feel our men deserve a good quality of life, so we run Holy Cross House as a home with care, rather than a nursing home. And, when someone makes a gift that benefits the health care of our men - well, it really is a token of gratitude for our men - for having dedicated their lives to the mission of Holy Cross. We are grateful and appreciative of those who help us take care of our senior Holy Cross religious. ✠



REV. THOMAS C. BERTONE, C.S.C., DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE AND AGING

Prior to being director, Fr. Bertone served in many East Coast apostolates. He holds an M.Div. from Notre Dame and MSW from the Catholic University of America.



Ever Active in His Service

Holy Cross Religious Reflect on “Retirement”

This year, 20 members of Holy Cross will celebrate their anniversaries of Ordination to the priesthood or religious profession, with the majority of them celebrating 50 years plus. While not all are as active as they were upon Ordination or their religious profession, all remain extremely active spiritually, and many are still abundantly active in their ministries – ministries that your support helps them carry out.

“My role as emeritus professor [at the University of Portland] includes coordinating a joint archaeological project with colleagues from the University of Barcelona, Spain,” said Rev. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C., who along with Rev. Ron Wasowski, C.S.C., leads the excavation of an early Christian cemetery for the university’s Initiative for Christian Antiquities program.

And they’re not the only ones painting a unique picture of what “retirement” looks like in Holy Cross.

“It’s not a comment on someone who is ‘retired’ or wants to retire, but I don’t have a retirement mentality. I teach a class to the Postulants in the fall and I also occasionally take classes,” said Rev. Frank Cafarelli, C.S.C., who celebrates his 50-year anniversary this Jubilee. “Sometimes retirement is driven by necessity, but even those who are ‘retired’ often help to fulfill Mass schedules and help in Parishes. And they are happy to do it.”

As Fr. Cafarelli indicates, there’s no set retirement age for those committed to faithful, joyful service as a Holy Cross priest or brother – but, as time passes, they may relinquish some duties and simply enjoy their

time in community life.

“It’s not a one-size-fits-all,” said Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., also celebrating his 50th year. “I am the local superior in Cocoa Beach, Fla., so I keep busy making sure everything about the house is conducive to the likes and the needs of the 11 Holy Cross Religious who live there in retirement. But, barring any health issues, many of our Priests and Brothers continue to work full-time or part-time. Many of the priests at Cocoa Beach help in local parishes, and Brother William Farrell, C.S.C., volunteers five days a week at a nearby soup kitchen and thrift shop.”

In addition to parish work, work in education apostolates and board memberships are held by many retired. The “golden years” of Holy Cross Religious are also an ideal time to travel, visit with family, or return to a mission they worked on previously.

“Even among the aches and pains associated with growing older, we stay active, vibrant, and joyful,” concluded Fr. Cafarelli. ✠



Rev. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C., retired theology professor of the University of Portland, surveys and maps a long-buried church compound in Mallorca. Father Rutherford has been researching ancient baptisteries for years.

JUBILEE

The 2015 Jubilee celebration takes place on Friday, May 22 with a Mass at Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. Richard Teall, C.S.C.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. James J. Lakofka, C.S.C.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. Thomas L. Bill, C.S.C.
Rev. Joseph P. Browne, C.S.C.
Rev. Rudolph V. Carchidi, C.S.C.
Rev. James R. Trepanier, C.S.C.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. Jerome F. Matthews, C.S.C.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. William G. Blum, C.S.C.
Rev. Francis T. Cafarelli, C.S.C.
Rev. James T. Connelly, C.S.C.
Rev. James J. Ferguson, C.S.C.
Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C.
Rev. Laurence M. Olszewski, C.S.C.
Rev. H. Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Silvia, C.S.C.
Rev. John A. Struzzo, C.S.C.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Br. Dennis J. Fleming, C.S.C.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Rev. Daniel J. Issing, C.S.C.
Rev. Randall C. Rentner, C.S.C.
Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C.



Your questions answered ...

Plain ! Speaking

by Rev. Herbert C. Yost, C.S.C.

Q: *I'm embarrassed to send my \$5.00 donation each month and I wish I could so more. Are you being honest when you say "Every little bit helps?"*

A: **Oh, I'm absolutely being honest.**

But first, a little background...

In 1985 I started my work with Holy Cross Association. One early item on the agenda was to do a little bit of research so I could better communicate to benefactors what the Association was all about.

One of the interesting tidbits which came from my research was that shortly after founding Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., established a group of lay men and women who would help financially support Holy Cross until it got on its feet. These weren't wealthy people; they were ordinary French folks. I can't remember the full title of the group; only that "Good Shepherd" was part of the title. Chalk it up to there not being that many more bells left to ring in my brain!

Now that raises the question: "Has Holy Cross ever gotten on its feet?" That could be a cynical or a legitimate question. But I would propose an answer and a counter-question: "Yes, we are definitely on our feet. Once on your feet, however, are you standing still, or moving forwards or backwards?"

Over the decades past, there have been stumbles - but by and large - Holy Cross has walked confidently in the historical times of which we've been a part. In the rapidly-changing present world, we've kept up the pace. Nor are we standing still.

Even as you read this, Holy Cross is preparing for its next General Chapter. We'll be deeply involved in planning our future, trying to blend the needs of the Church with the very real factors of numbers, age, individual interests, new vocations, authority structures, and yes, finances. The two major questions are: 1) How can we best serve the People of God where we are (even if that means withdrawing from some apostolates); and 2) Can we serve the People of God in new places and new ways?

Thanks be to God, very rarely are decisions based on finances. Yes, we are prudent, but it is your generosity that is of enormous help. Vocations are on the upswing, but those men must be educated for the mission. Like the rest of America, members of Holy Cross are living longer, and so provisions need to be made for retirement and health care.

When looking at possible new ministries, we have a preference for working with the poor. Such ministries do not produce income for Holy Cross; therefore you are the means by which we are able to say: "Yes, we will come." Helping those who help the poor is every bit as important as direct support of the poor.

Trust me: every bit helps. Whether the number one is followed by two zeros or six, it is all needed. After all, even a \$30,000 car has a basketful of \$1.00 parts,

without which the car is useless.

In addition, please don't forget the power of Jesus. Over the years, when benefactors write and apologize for their small contributions, I always remind them of what Jesus did with the five loaves and two fish. I even express my gratitude to those who wish to give more, but simply can't because of present life circumstances: "Thank you, because Jesus can even take the wish and provide blessing to Holy Cross."

May God grant you thirty-fold, sixty-fold, or a hundred-fold for your generosity.

QUESTIONS for Fr. Herb?

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Around Province

NOTABLE MENTIONS

For the seventh consecutive year, **King's College** was placed on the list for educational excellence and high "return on investment," compiled for *Forbes* magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity. Less than 15 percent of the nearly 4,400 colleges and universities nationwide are included in "Forbes" seventh annual ranking.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., ¹ elected to third term of University of Notre Dame presidency, effective at the conclusion of his second term on June 30. The board of trustees announced the decision during their winter meeting in Naples, Fla. The announcement was made by board chairman Richard C. Notebaert.

Br. Dennis Fleming, C.S.C.,

asst. superior of Corby Hall has been appointed superior of Holy Cross House in Notre Dame, Ind.

Rev. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., associate director of campus ministry, has been appointed director of the University of Notre Dame's Office of Campus Ministry. As director of Campus Ministry within the Division of Student Affairs, Fr. McCormick will oversee a staff of some 30 clerical, religious and lay ministers tending to the spiritual needs of all Notre Dame students. He will replace Rev. James B. King, C.S.C., who has served as director since April 2012.

The Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame named **Rev. David Tyson, C.S.C.**, the new Luke McGuinness Director of Nonprofit Professional Development, starting July 1, 2015. Fr. Tyson

takes over the position from Thomas Harvey, who is retiring after a decade leading the department.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

Rev. James Gallagher, C.S.C., ² was appointed Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Portland, effective July 1, 2015. Fr. Gallagher has served in the Holy Cross Office of Vocations in Notre Dame, Ind., since 2008 and as the Director since 2009.

University of Portland hosted a reading by **Rev. Patrick Hannon, C.S.C.**, Tuesday, Feb. 10, to celebrate the publication of his most recent volume,

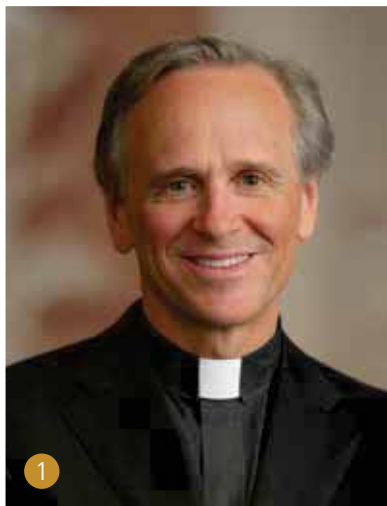
Sacrament: Personal Encounters with Memories, Wounds, Dreams, and Unruly Hearts. Fr. Hannon has previously published four collections of essays, including



Running in the Arms of God: Stories of Prayer and Prayer as Story, which received the Catholic Press Association First Prize.

Beauchamp Recreation & Wellness Center ³ is well on its way to completion by summer 2015, just in time for the fall semester. Named in recognition of **Rev. E. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.**, assistant provincial of the U.S. Province of Holy Cross and former University of Portland president, the center boasts three gyms with locker rooms, a rock wall, an outdoor recreation and bike shop, cardio and weight training space, three wood floor studios, a track and stretching area, plus a state-of-the-art wellness suite.

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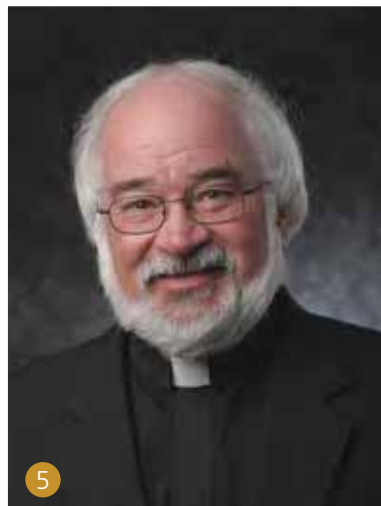
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STONEHILL COLLEGE

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected Stonehill as one of 240 U.S. colleges and universities to receive its **2015 Community Engagement Classification**. Since receiving its first classification in 2008, the College has enhanced its community engagement offerings, specifically by developing the Office of Community Based Learning, The Farm at Stonehill, The Brockton Service Corps, and Camp Shriver, which welcomes children, with and without disabilities, for a free all-inclusive summer sports camp on campus.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Stonehill, **Rev. Stephen Wilbricht, C.S.C.** has a book out called *Prayer 2015*, which one reviewer described

as being “perfect for busy people who want to spend a few quiet moments with God before starting their day.” Easy to use, it is a helpful volume for anyone interested in fostering their own practice of prayer and reflection.

When Flannery O’Connor (1925-1962) was inducted recently into the American Poets Corner in the fall, Stonehill Professor of English, **Rev. George Piggford, C.S.C.** had the honor of delivering a tribute to the great short story writer whose work explores religious and southern themes. At the induction in New York City, Fr. Piggford, an O’Connor scholar, addressed the nature of her Catholic faith. According to *The New Yorker*, a priest named George Piggford who wore black robes, gave “an erudite

talk about O’Connor’s commitment to the sacrament of the Eucharist ... and her debt to the Jesuit mystic Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.”

KING’S COLLEGE

King’s College established the **Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C. Award** ⁴ to honor Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, C.S.C., a community leader for the working family, professor of sociology, and former King’s College Sociology Department Chairman during the 1960s. The award will be presented to a member of the football team who not only has a strong moral compass and demonstrates hard work, discipline, and

leadership as a member of the King’s College football team, but also reflects the stated values of the greater King’s College/Holy Cross community.

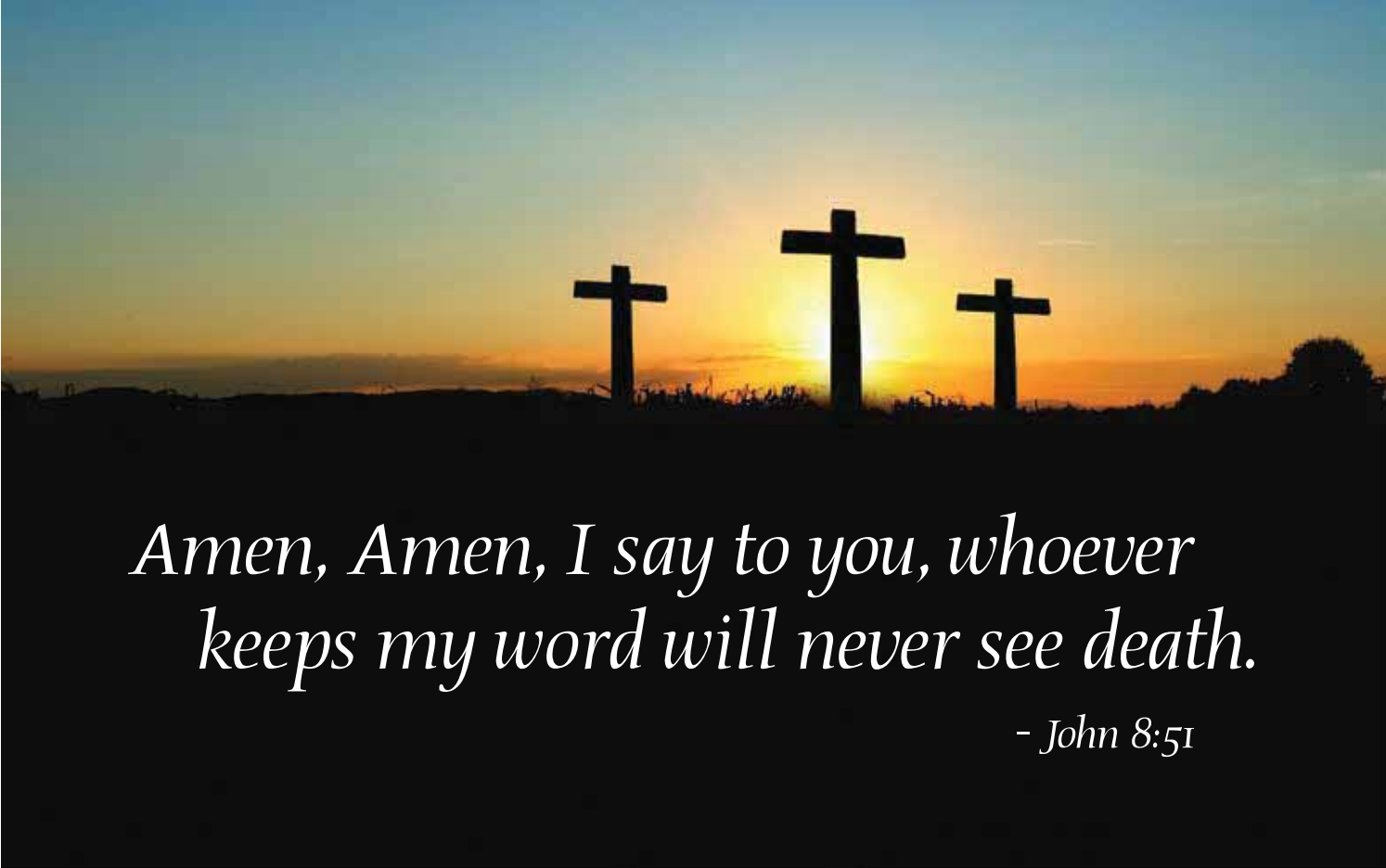
DISTRICT OF CHILE

Rev. James E. McDonald, C.S.C., ⁵ assistant provincial and steward of the U.S. Province of Holy Cross, was appointed rector (headmaster) at St. George’s College in Chile, effective March 1, 2015.

Fr. McDonald served in the same role from 2000-2005 and has spent considerable periods of time



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Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.

- John 8:51

-serving the Holy Cross mission in Chile. Fr. McDonald will complete his term as assistant provincial and steward until the end of the Provincial Chapter in June 2015. **Rev. José E. Ahumada, C.S.C.** became superior of the District of Chile at the close of their district chapter on January 25, 2015, replacing **Rev. Michael DeLaney, C.S.C.**, who will now serve as director of the Holy Cross Mission Center at Moreau Seminary in Notre Dame, Ind.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH, SOUTH BEND

Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C., ⁶ pastor of Christ the King Parish in South Bend, Ind., was appointed Director of Vocations for the Congregation of Holy Cross, effective July 1,

2015. Fr. Wack carries on the work of Rev. James Gallagher, C.S.C., who has been appointed Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Portland. The new pastor of Christ the King parish will be **Rev. Steve Lacriox, C.S.C.**, who is currently serving as Director of Old College, the college seminary on campus at the University of Notre Dame. **Rev. Brian Ching, C.S.C.**, will take over as Director of Old College this summer.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, SOUTH BEND ⁷

Stunning statues of Blessed Basil Moreau and Saint André Bessette have been installed in newly prepared niches in the nave of **St. Joseph Church**. The statues, custom crafted by artists in Italy, were commissioned as part of the parish's *Living Our Faith, Building Our*

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Future Campaign. They were blessed at Masses the week of November 9, 2014, by Rev. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C., and Rev. Brian Ching, C.S.C.

Ave Maria Press Celebrates

One of our Congregation's oldest special ministries continues to be a leader in Catholic publishing

BY STEPHANIE SIBAL, PUBLICIST, AVE MARIA PRESS

Even after 150 years, Ave Maria Press remains committed to the core mission set by Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., in 1865 as he established the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States.

Ave was the third apostolate founded in the U.S. by the missionary priest, following the University of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Parish in South Bend. Fr. Sorin started *The Ave Maria* magazine to honor Mary, focus on Catholic families, and showcase the best American Catholic writing.

Many had doubts about whether the publication would survive, but *The Ave Maria* did thrive for more than 100 years and at one time was the most popular Catholic magazine in the country.



*Rev. Daniel E. Hudson, C.S.C., began publishing collections of Catholic stories in book form, in addition to *The Ave Maria Magazine*, which grew from 10,000 subscribers to 35,000 under his watch.*

“Fr. Sorin might be mystified by the way we create and distribute our work in a digital era, but I hope he would recognize that we have remained faithful to our mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve the spiritual needs of the Church, and join the Congregation of Holy Cross as ‘educators in the faith,’” said Thomas Grady, publisher at Ave Maria Press.

Under the leadership of Rev. Daniel E. Hudson, C.S.C., who served as the third publisher from 1875 to 1930, the magazine grew from 10,000 subscribers

to 35,000 and began publishing hardcover books of inspirational Catholic stories.

Since then, Ave has evolved as a leader in publishing Catholic high school religion textbooks, parish resources, and books on prayer and spirituality.

Eight holy Cross priests served as editors and publishers between 1865 and 1994, but Holy Cross brothers and sisters also have been an important part of the ministry. Br. Stanislaus, C.S.C. (John A. Clarke), was the first printer, pressman, and proofreader for *The Ave Maria*. He trained Holy Cross sisters to set type, proof, fold, and stitch sheets by hand. Holy Cross brothers served as printers and handlers for more than 100 years. Traveling by foot, train, trolley, buggy, and car, the brothers also acted as canvassers to get the magazine into Catholic homes in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Ave’s actual anniversary—May 1, 2015—coincides with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the patron of the Brothers of Holy Cross. “These Holy Cross men formed the backbone of the Press for generations,” said Rev. Anthony Szakaly, C.S.C., chairman of the Ave board of directors. “Their spirit lives on in the hard work and dedication of the lay collaborators who work at the Press today.”

Rev. John L. Reedy, C.S.C., editor and publisher from 1955 to 1983, oversaw the last issue of *The Ave Maria* in 1970, but Ave Maria Press remains one of the oldest, continually operating Catholic publishing houses in the country.

“As the magazine evolved into Ave Maria Press, this ministry has touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the world who have been privileged to be inspired by the words of some of the best spiritual

150th Anniversary

writers of our time,” said Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the U.S. Province. “In a world where so many search for guidance in their lives or grasp for spiritual insights, Ave Maria Press has become a leader in providing such guidance.”

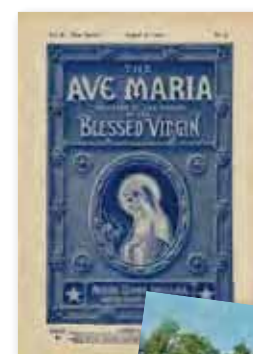
Among Ave’s highly acclaimed titles are: *Together for Life* by Joseph Champlin with Rev. Peter Jarret, C.S.C.; *Praying Our Goodbyes* by Joyce Rupp; Lisa Hendey’s *The Handbook for Catholic Moms*; *The Artist’s Rule* by Christine Valters



Br. Anselm worked as a printer, setting type for Ave Maria Press publications. This photo was taken in 1957, when Ave was 92 years old.

Paintner; *Rebuilt* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran; *Riding the Dragon* by Robert Wicks; and *A Book of Hours* by Thomas Merton.

In addition, Ave was the first publisher to have an entire curriculum of books approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This year, Ave is introducing two new textbooks approved by the USCCB: *Jesus and the Church* and *Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching*. ☩



Top, Ave Maria magazine, honoring Mary, focused on American Catholic families and writing. Above, Ave Maria Press has sold over nine million copies of *Together for Life* over the last forty years.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Ave Maria Press is commemorating its 150th anniversary with a new look and several special events.

The company unveiled a new logo in January. The logo reflects its Marian heritage and devotion, emphasizing Ave Maria (Latin for “Hail Mary”) in its name and including a light-blue graphic with turning pages of a book.

Ave will have an open house at its 1865 Moreau Drive, Notre Dame, Indiana, offices on April 30, 2015, in honor of its anniversary.



On May 1, the actual date of Ave’s founding by Rev. Edward Sorin, C.S.C., there will be a Mass and dinner at Moreau Seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

In addition, Ave staff compiled a commemorative history to be published prior to the official anniversary. Special promotions for individual, school, parish, and bookstore customers will also be offered in the months leading up to the anniversary.

The Ultimate Gift

“I cannot help but think that I was in the presence of a saint when I was with her. Her beauty and social graces were such that one would not help but take notice. Yet she had this huge heart, she lived so modestly, and gave away everything that she had. She really loved God and her Catholic faith for which she suffered while only a teenager.”

— Rev. Patrick Neary, C.S.C., spiritual director to Beth Ann



Beth Ann Winebrenner

The simple gesture of a warm and loving smile from a Holy Cross priest changed Beth Ann Winebrenner forever.

Born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1950, Beth Ann had a momentary encounter with a Holy Cross priest when she was 12. No words were exchanged, but the experience planted the seeds of conversion that blossomed when Beth Ann was in high school, at which time she joined the Catholic Church, to the dismay of her family. It would be another 38 years before Beth Ann would actively engage Holy Cross again, yet she never took the gift of her faith for granted.

While in her 50s, up to her death at 62, she was compelled to know her faith more profoundly through study, practice and ongoing spiritual direction received from Holy Cross priests. And, like the simple gesture that made such an indelible impression in her youth, Beth Ann was known, throughout her adult life, for such simple, caring gestures to those in need and for her generosity to causes she knew to be noble, faithful and aligned with her own

charity - a charity the Catholic Church defines as a power that disposes us to love God, ourselves and our neighbors for the sake of God. The depth of this love inspired each decision Beth Ann made regarding her life and her roles as a social worker, chaplain, student and loving wife to Louis whom she lost in 2000.

Consistent with this love, Beth Ann was a faithful steward of her time, talent and treasure. This spirit, which she and Louis embraced and practiced, meant she allocated little for herself so that others could benefit from the resources Louis and Beth Ann accumulated, including the Congregation of Holy Cross and its international missions. Beth Ann's legacy with Holy Cross transcends the more than \$772,000 she left through her retirement plans and life insurance, transformational gifts she knew would care for God's people in a way she would.

Her legacy is one of example - of a life lived simply and with humility, with a commitment to faith and service - in love of God and His people. Her legacy is one in which we are all called to share.

In Memory

“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.”

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 since 2014.



REV. ALBERT A. CROCE, C.S.C.
July 15, 1918 - Feb. 22, 2014
Final Vows: June 3, 1948
Ordained: June 6, 1950



REV. MERWYN J. THOMAS, C.S.C.
Aug. 21, 1940 - May 18, 2014
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1964
Ordained: May 21, 1967



REV. BARRY CABELL, C.S.C.
Aug. 1, 1947 - June 16, 2014
Final Vows: Jan. 26, 1973
Ordained: Mar. 14, 1989



REV. ALFRED F. D'ALONZO, C.S.C.
July 16, 1926 - June 27, 2014
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1950
Ordained: June 12, 1953



REV. PAUL G. WENDEL, C.S.C.
Sept. 28, 1921 - Nov. 4, 2014
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1950
Ordained: Nov. 9, 1955



REV. JOHN V. VANDENBOSSCHE, C.S.C.
May 18, 1924 - Nov. 9, 2014
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1947
Ordained: June 6, 1951



REV. JAMES F. BLAES, C.S.C.
Sept. 16, 1926 - Dec. 14, 2014
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1951
Ordained: June 8, 1955

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REV. EUGENE F. GORSKI, C.S.C.
Jan. 7, 1932 - Jan. 3, 2015
Final Vows: Aug. 16, 1959
Ordained: Oct. 30, 1960

“May he rest in the peace of Christ.”

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

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“Everything that he achieved, he first achieved as a Holy Cross priest and to the fulfillment of his vocation to serve as a disciple of Christ ...”

*- Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C.,
Provincial Superior*

