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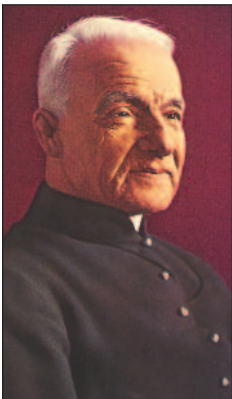
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Blessed Brother André: A Saint for Holy Cross!

From the letter of the Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Very Rev. Hugh W. Cleary, CSC, announcing the canonization of Blessed Brother André Bessette, CSC.



Blessed Brother André, CSC,
(Photo: Archives of St. Joseph's Oratory)

On April 19, 2010 our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, held a consistory of all the Cardinals in Rome to obtain their *votum* on the canonization of Blessed André Bessette, C.S.C. The Cardinals affirmed the Pope's decision and so he announced that Brother André will be canonized in Rome on October 17, 2010.

Our entire Congregation of Holy Cross rejoices today with the universal Church. Brother André, the miracle worker of Montréal, is the first formally recognized saint among us. Clearly there are countless anonymous saints of Holy Cross as well.

Brother André's early life was marked by physical frailty, poverty, illiteracy and family tragedy; amidst them all, prayer was his peace and joy. His parish priest encouraged the orphaned André to seek the consecrated life as his vocation for he believed it was there that André would find his true

home and deepest fulfillment. In recommending André, his pastor told the Congregation of Holy Cross that he was sending them a saint. And so it was. God chooses the weak and makes them strong. André was strong in faith, mighty in zeal. His humility allowed the healing strength of God to fill his being and thus bring healing to others. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, Brother André taught us all to pray and so to find the strength needed to live our lives in the truth of God's love.

Brother André's Congregation of Holy Cross is international in scope with ministries reaching to the ends of the earth. In every Holy Cross community and chapel, Brother André is present and revered. He encourages us to pray always so as to bring God's healing love to all in need. Through the world-wide mission of Holy Cross, Blessed Brother André became a universal figure; and now, in his canonization, he will be a saint for the universal Church. He calls all of us to pray unceasingly with him, through St. Joseph, to bring faith and healing to a broken world. May his humble yet persistent determination be our inspiration and our strength! As Brother André found his home in the consecrated life may new vocations flourish through his intercession!



St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal,
founded by Blessed Brother André, CSC
(Photo: Nathalie Dumas)

From The Desk Of The Provincial



Brother Thomas A. Dziekan, CSC

Dear Friends in Holy Cross,

Summer has officially started and the sun and its warmth show us our world from a very different perspective! It lifts our spirits!

As you can see from our lead article *the members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, have received wonderful news: our own Blessed Brother André will be declared a saint by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, on October 17, 2010 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome!*

Brother André, a simple and holy brother, who extended the compassion of Jesus to all whom he encountered and who healed thousands, is being recognized for his holiness – his intimate relationship with God, his

attentiveness to God's will for him, his desire to give his whole being to God in service to his brothers and sisters. **Brother André is a powerful intercessor.** For those of us in the Northeast, this event has great significance in that before entering Holy Cross, the then Alfred Bessette spent time in Connecticut and New Hampshire, looking for work to earn money to support his brothers and sisters. It is said that over one million people filed past his bier in St. Joseph's Oratory the three days following his death on January 6, 1937. A man whom the world held to be unimportant touched the hearts and lives of millions through his devotion to St. Joseph, his relationship with his loving God, and his healing touch!

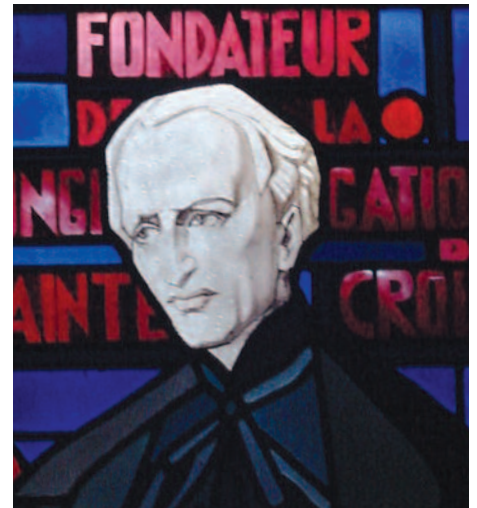
In a few days, **Brothers David Andrews, John Gleason, Joseph Kaganda, George Schmitz and I** will be leaving for Rome to participate in the General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Holy Cross brothers and priests from all over the world will participate. Pray with us for attentiveness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit during this month of July as we deliberate and make decisions for the good of the Congregation throughout the world.

Brother André once said, *"When you say to God, Our Father, He has His ear next to your lips."* We, your brothers, join with you in prayer for your intentions and needs, confident that God has His ear next to our lips!

With our prayers and gratitude for your generosity and love, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Holy Cross,

Brother Thomas A. Dziekan, CSC
Provincial



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Fr. Irénée Bouchard, CSC (Canadian Province)
Fr. Roger Bessette, CSC (Canadian Province)
Fr. Harold B. Eichorn, CSC (Indiana Province)
Fr. Raymond Bujold, CSC (Canadian Province)
Fr. Joseph H. Fey, CSC (Indiana Province)
Fr. Achille Chevalier, CSC (Canadian Province)
Fr. Paul Grenier, CSC (Canadian Province)
Fr. John F. Campbell, CSC
(English Canadian Vicariate)
Fr. Edward Baird, CSC
(English Canadian Vicariate)

Bro. Robert Russo, CSC (EB)
Bro. René Flibotte, CSC (Canadian Province)
Bro. James Kell, CSC (SW)
Bro. James G. Kinsella, CSC (MW)
Bro. Maurus O'Malley, CSC (EB)
Bro. Simon Scribner, CSC (SW)

Sr. Raymond Mary Sullivan, CSC
Sr. Mary Agnes Mullen, CSC
Sr. Margaret O'Connell, CSC
Sr. M. Odile Lindorfer, CSC
Sr. Colette Guidry, MSC
Sr. Beverly Ann Nelson, CSC
Sr. Barbara Korem, CSC
Sr. Michella Marie Donohue, CSC
Sr. Mary Christian Koch, CSC

Zanaida Perez, mother of
Bro. Nich Perez, CSC
Mrs. Celeste Brady, aunt of
Bro. Ralph Edmiston, CSC
Bernice Clarke, sister of
Bro. Stefan Clarke, CSC

AND FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ILL:

The elderly parents of our brothers:
Catherine Gleason, Mary Zdrowski,
Rita Umile, and Frank Gugel

Peg Kennedy, sister of Bro. Maurus O'Malley, CSC

Eileen Gorman, sister of Bro. Thomas
Gorman, CSC

*Our ill and infirm Holy Cross Religious at
Dujarie House and at Holy Cross House*

Please pray through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau for...

- The work of the General Chapter of the Congregation meeting in Rome the month of July
- Vocations to the brotherhood in the Congregation of Holy Cross

Blessed Brother André Bessette: Friend of St. Joseph and Healer

Alfred Bessette was born on August 9, 1845 in the village of Saint-Grégoire-d'Iberville near Montréal, Québec to a poor, working-class family. He was the eighth of twelve children. He experienced great tragedy in his life—his father died after a lumber accident when he was only 9-years old, and his mother died from tuberculosis when he was 12. The deaths of his beloved parents, and his own struggles with illness, only made his faith in God and compassion for others that much stronger.

After a short stint working in the textile mills of New Hampshire and Connecticut, Alfred returned to his native Canada and pursued his calling as a Brother of Holy Cross. He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1870 and was given the name *Brother André*. Because of his frail health, the Master of Novices said of him, “If this young man is one day unable to work, he will at least know very well how to

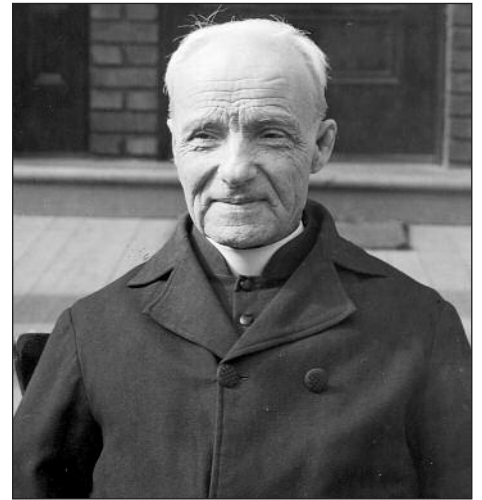


pray.” His first assignment, which was to last him 40 years, was as the porter or doorman of the community’s school in Montréal, Collège Notre-Dame. Brother André was fond of saying, “When I first came to the college, I was shown to the door...and I remained there for forty years!”

Brother André developed a deep devotion to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the patron saint of the Brothers of Holy Cross. As people came to the school, burdened by their own struggles and suffering, Brother André directed them to pray to St. Joseph. Through Brother André’s healing touch, thousands of people were cured and he became




May 23, 1982, Brother Thomas Dziekan, CSC reads the first reading at the Beatification Mass of Brother André.



Blessed Brother André, CSC
(Bottom left and top right photos: Archives of St. Joseph’s Oratory)

known as the “Miracle Man of Montréal.” One of his greatest contributions during his lifetime was building St. Joseph’s Oratory, the largest shrine in the world dedicated to St. Joseph.

Brother André died in 1937 at the age of 92. The last words on his lips were the name of his beloved saint and friend, “Joseph.” Over a million people came to pay him their final respects. Recognizing the saintly life of this humble man, Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1982. To this day, thousands come in pilgrimage to St. Joseph’s Oratory, where his tomb lies, to receive spiritual and physical healing. The memorial of Blessed Brother André is celebrated on January 6.


**LORD, OUR GOD, FRIEND OF THE LOWLY,
YOU GAVE YOUR SERVANT, BROTHER ANDRÉ,
A GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH
AND A SPECIAL COMMITMENT TO THE POOR AND AFFLICTED.**
**THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION
HELP US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE OF PRAYER AND LOVE
AND SO COME TO SHARE WITH HIM IN YOUR GLORY.
WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON.
AMEN.**

(Prayer from the Roman Missal)



IN LOVING MEMORY



Brother Robert Michael Russo, CSC
May 23, 1941 – January 28, 2010

BROTHER ROBERT MICHAEL RUSSO, CSC

Born on May 23, 1941 in Woodside, NY
Received into Holy Cross on August 22, 1960
Professed Perpetual Vows on August 23, 1966
Entered into Eternal Rest on January 28, 2010

Having received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of New Haven, Brother Robert served at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY, St. Joseph Retreat House in Valatie, NY, Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, RI, Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy and Iona Prep in New Rochelle, NY. He served as Principal of Ss. Peter and Paul School in Brooklyn and retired in June 2009 as Principal of St. Fidelis School in College Point, NY. He was the Director of the local community at the Provincial House in New Rochelle.

There is no question that the first three words that come to mind when thinking of Robert are kind, generous and caring. After his death, many people shared stories about how Robert helped them in significant ways through difficult or seemingly impossible moments in their lives. Robert himself never spoke of those times, but only of his friends and family. For him, it was a matter of "who he was" and "how he was" with people.

He was kind and accepting of others. His generous spirit seemingly knew no bounds. He was always affirming and encouraging, ready to listen. He had a great gift for empathy. However, he was no "pushover"! He knew how to set limits and always spoke his mind.

Robert was great fun, making friends easily, delighting in them and in time spent together with them. His experiences and stories were hilarious, often told at his own expense. Besides his vocation and God, Robert had three great loves in his life: New York City, Rome, Italy and Christmas.

Christmas was important to Robert and the highlight of the year. He would spend weeks decorating the Provincial House – beginning right after Thanksgiving. And the house looked beautiful, warm and festive. Christmas celebrates the Incarnation of God's Son, Jesus — "Emmanuel," *God-is-with-us*. That was at the heart of Robert's personal spirituality. To welcome all guests, to treat them with kindness and warmth, and to offer them a banquet were his delight and privilege. He recognized that they were the presence of Christ among us!



Brother Maurus (Thomas Edward) O'Malley, CSC
October 13, 1915 – May 9, 2010

BROTHER MAURUS (THOMAS EDWARD) O'MALLEY, CSC

Born on October 13, 1915 in Pittsburgh, PA
Received into Holy Cross on August 15, 1938
Professed Perpetual Vows on August 16, 1942
Entered into Eternal Rest on May 9, 2010

A proud son of Pittsburgh and of his Irish roots, Brother Maurus entered religious life in Holy Cross 72 years ago. He earned his BA from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, an MEd from the University of Notre Dame and a MA from St. John's University.

Brother Maurus served the Congregation at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, IN, St. Thomas Aquinas School in Brooklyn, NY, St. Francis of Assisi School in Brooklyn, NY as Superior and Principal, Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY, St. Joseph Novitiate in Valatie, NY, Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT and Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT.

Brother Maurus was one of the first brothers to return to elementary education in the early 40s – a ministry that the brothers left in the early 1900s. That ministry enabled our province to grow and develop because these schools provided a place where young brothers could get experience, earn a salary and take university classes toward a degree. He provided stability and guidance to those young brothers.

Brother Maurus was one of the "founders" of Holy Cross in Flushing, having started the *Women's Guild* two years before the school itself opened. He was on the Provincial Council, served as Vocation Director for the Eastern Province for many years, and was the first Master of Novices at St. Joseph Novitiate in Valatie, NY when it opened in 1958 – perhaps the role for which he is most remembered. The stories of those six years as novice master are numerous and legendary and many have two versions: those of Maurus and those of the novices! When his former novices and others would poke fun at Maurus in recalling their version of events at the novitiate, Maurus would often counter with "you live with your mistakes!"

Maurus loved the Congregation: he knew stories, anecdotes, bits of history, and the traits of character of members of the Congregation and relished recounting them to the "young ones." He was loyal in his faithfulness. He may not have always agreed, but he kept that quiet and always did what the community needed, for the good of the community. The community – Holy Cross – came first, always!

For the Eastern Province of Brothers, Maurus was a "Presence" among us, for us he was that touchstone to our roots and our past and a shining example of how to adapt to our contemporary world so different from that past. He was stable, unfazed, and was always a brother to all. He is now a "presence" among all his beloved family and friends in the loving Presence of God. Most assuredly, he prays for us as we continue to live that story he lived for seventy-two years.

Ad Multos Annos: Celebration of Jubilees



On Sunday, April 25, 2010, members of the Eastern Province of Brothers and other religious of Holy Cross gathered together with family and friends to celebrate the 60th anniversary of profession of Brothers John Kuchenbrod, Charles Lewis, Richard O'Brien, and Joseph Zutelis and the 50th anniversary of Brother Lawrence Backus, CSC. Father Brian M. Mulcahy, OP, Prior Provincial of the St. Joseph Province of Dominican Friars in New York City, was the main celebrant and homilist. Father Brian is a 1980 graduate of Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy where both Brother John and Brother Joseph were his teachers. He was joined by Father Thomas P. Looney, CSC, Provincial of the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers and other Holy Cross priests.

60th Anniversary

BROTHER JOHN KUCHENBROD, CSC is a native of Bayside, NY. He received his BA from St. Edward's University in Austin and his MST from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Brother John is a noted teacher of art who studied many different techniques and media both in the United States and in Europe. He spent his career at The Holy Cross School in New Orleans, LA, St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH, Msgr. Coyle High School, Taunton, MA, Notre Dame International School, Rome, Italy, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT, Cardinal Mooney High School, Rochester, NY, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX and St. Francis High School in Mountain View, CA. A kind, quiet and reflective man, Brother John can seemingly do anything. Until recently, he was an avid roller-blader and wind-surfer. Brother John currently resides at St. Joseph Center where he continues to paint.

BROTHER CHARLES LEWIS, CSC was born in Detroit, MI and attended the University of Notre Dame. Brother Charles spent his many years of ministry involved in the maintenance and repair work needed in many Holy Cross institutions: Father Guibault School in Terre Haute, IN, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT, the Holy Cross Generalate in Rome, Italy, Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, OH, Bishop McNamara High School, Forestville, MD, the Provincial House in New Rochelle, NY, St. Francis High School, Mountain View, CA and Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, CA. In 2008, Alzheimer's Disease necessitated that Brother Charles move to Dujarie House at Notre Dame, IN.

BROTHER RICHARD O'BRIEN, CSC A native of Syracuse, NY, Brother Richard was a teacher of History for many years, a subject in which he is deeply interested, especially American

Catholic history. He received his BA from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX and his MA from Fordham University. He taught at St. Francis of Assisi School, Brooklyn, NY, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, Bronx, NY, St. Thomas Aquinas School, Brooklyn, NY, Msgr. Coyle High School, Taunton, MA, Cardinal Mooney High School, Rochester, NY, Bishop McNamara High School, Forestville, MD and Holy Cross High School, Flushing, NY. From 1986 until 2005, Brother Richard was a Pastoral Associate at St. Anthony's Parish in Brooklyn. Brother Richard currently is retired at St. Joseph Center, Valatie, NY.

BROTHER JOSEPH ZUTELIS, CSC A native of New Philadelphia, PA, Brother Joseph has always been held in the highest regard and esteem by his students and

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Brothers John Kuchenbrod, Richard O'Brien, Joseph Zutelis and Lawrence Backus renew their vows. (Photo: Bro. Gilbert Pretto, CSC)



Brother Jonathan Beebe prepares the altar and Brother Mark Knightly leads the congregation in song. (Photo: Bro. Gilbert Pretto, CSC)



Father Brian Mulcahy OP, celebrant, with Holy Cross priests concelebrating. (Photo: Bro. Gilbert Pretto, CSC)

We prayerfully remember our deceased Jubilarians

60th Anniversary

Brother Philip Joseph Cistone, CSC • 1926-1978
Brother Francis Peter Johnson, CSC • 1928-2010
Brother Paul Eugene Burns, CSC • 1928-2009
Brother Gerald Francis Kraeger • 1928-1994
Brother Theodore Carrelas Oliveira, CSC • 1930-2007

50th Anniversary

Brother John Joseph DeLucer, CSC • 1917-1996

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL EMBRACE!

From the Vocations Office: Brother Jonathan P. Beebe, CSC



Project Hope: God got me through the challenges

At this time I was scared and I didn't know what I was going to do if I had lost my father. . . I lost all hope. I didn't know what to do, I was heart broken and scared, I was thinking why it had to be my father, he did nothing wrong to deserve this. I started turning all blame toward God and asking him why he is doing this

to me. God knew what he was doing though, and now I know that. (Christopher Gioe, Holy Cross School, New Orleans, writing about being separated from his father during Hurricane Katrina)

Daniel Credeur wrote about losing his mother to cancer and how the painful experience drew him closer to God. Robert Benoit composed and performed an inspiring piece of music, "Finding Hope," on the French horn. Michael Diaz, Miguel Ramos and David Leal produced an original film about discovering hope in the symbol of the cross and anchors.

These are just a few of the winning submissions created by Holy Cross students in the first national "Project Hope" contest sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross. The contest was designed to engage Holy Cross high school students in the Brothers' mission of "Bringing Hope to Others." Students were encouraged to share their ideas on hope and to utilize their gifts and talents to express themselves through writing, art, film and music.

As both a Christian and as the Vocation Director for the Brothers, I was encouraged by the response to Project Hope and the creative ways students expressed their faith and hope in God. The contest drew more than 100 participants and we expect to make Project Hope an annual event. Clearly, our students



Artwork by Alex Nicosia of Holy Cross School in New Orleans, LA

have a lot to say about the challenges and difficulties they have encountered in their own lives as well as the issues and problems facing society. They have done a wonderful job and we can take inspiration from their messages of hope. All of the winning entries can be found at www.holycrossbrothers.org.

Hope is a word with many definitions and meanings behind it. The definition of hope is to be optimistic; be full of hope; have hopes. The definition is perfect for the story that I am about to tell you . . . My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. This time of my life was one of my lowest . . . When I found out that she was diagnosed I didn't know what I was going to do, I was asking questions like "why would God do something like this and why to my mom?" At this time I had no hope what so ever. But little did I know all of this that was happening would only bring me closer to God and only make my faith stronger. . . Jordan White, Holy Cross School, New Orleans

When you have faced similar circumstances in your own life, where do *you* find the strength to go on? What are *your* sources of hope? Feel free to write to me at holycrossvocations@earthlink.net and I will post some of your responses in the next edition of this Newsletter. Share the hope!



Collage by Andrew King of Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, CA

Ad Multos Annos: Celebration of Jubilees, continued from pg. 5

colleagues as *the* teacher of literature and language. High school students would fight to be able to be in his classes. His classes on Greek plays, Shakespeare and Joseph Conrad are legendary. Brother Joseph received his BA *magna cum laude* from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX and his MALS from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. He has also studied at Exeter College of Oxford University in England, Villanova University and the Gregorian University in Rome among others. He has taught at Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, IN, Holy Cross High School, Flushing, NY, Notre Dame High School, West Haven, CT and Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy. Prior to entering Holy Cross, Brother Joseph worked for the General Accounting Office in Washington, DC.

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50th Anniversary

BROTHER LAWRENCE BACKUS, CSC A native of Dunellen, NJ, Brother Lawrence also graduated from St. Edward's University in Austin and from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. For many years, Brother Lawrence taught science at Vincentian Institute, Albany, NY, Bishop Hendricken High School, Warwick, RI, Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT, Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY and at Cardinal Mooney High School, Rochester, NY. In 1985, he began ministry at the Good Shepherd Refuge in Toronto, ON and then from 1986 until 2005, he worked as a chaplain in prison ministry in Toronto and in Albany.

In the News

Congratulations to **Mr. Marco Clark** who has been appointed **President/CEO of Bishop McNamara High School** by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Members of Bishop McNamara. Mr. Clark is a 1985 graduate of McNamara and has served as its Principal since 1997. He succeeds Mrs. Heather Gossart who has served as President/CEO of Bishop McNamara for thirteen years.

Congratulations to **Dr. Joseph S. Fusco** who has been appointed **interim President of Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY** by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Members of Holy Cross High School. Dr. Fusco currently serves at St. John's University in Jamaica and has a long and distinguished career as administrator and teacher in many Catholic schools. He served for twelve years as Principal of Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey. Dr. Fusco succeeds Brother Stephen LaMendola who has been President at Holy Cross for fourteen years.

The Eastern Province of Brothers sent a check for **\$40,000** to the Holy Cross Mission Center at Notre Dame for **immediate relief for Haiti**. Approximately \$20,000 came from the Province's sponsored schools where the students and faculties were most generous. The Province contributed \$10,000, and the remainder came from various members of the Province, houses of the Province and individuals who know us through either our Province Newsletter or through our schools. There were several newspaper articles about the fundraising for this cause at our schools and individuals who read the articles sent contributions directly to the Province.

Brother James DeTemple, CSC has returned to St. Joseph Hall on the campus of St. Edward's University in Austin and will be involved in volunteer ministry in the Austin area.

Brother Jerome Donnelly, CSC has been appointed the **Director of Enrollment Management at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA**. Brother Jerome is completing a term as Counselor at Holy Cross of San Antonio and Director of the formation community in San Antonio, TX.

Brother Stephen LaMendola, CSC has been appointed to the **Education Department at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA** after completing his fourteen year tenure at Holy Cross High School in Flushing.

Brother Thomas Giumenta, CSC has accepted the position of **Learning Assistance Counselor at the University of Portland in Oregon**. He will begin his ministry there in August and will reside with the Holy Cross community there. Brother Thomas returned from Peru in January and took a well-earned sabbatical at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ. He has spent the last sixteen years ministering in Chile and Peru.

Brother John Flood, CSC has completed his term as Headmaster of Holy Cross Lake View Senior Secondary School in Jinja, Uganda and is currently on home leave. Brother John has worked very hard and diligently over these last six and a half years to build up this very fine Holy Cross school in spite of some very challenging obstacles. When he returns to East Africa in mid-July, he will move to **Nairobi, Kenya and will be the Assistant Director at McCauley Formation House in Nairobi**. He will be joined by Father Patrick M. Neary, CSC (IP) who has been named Director of the formation community, having just completed a six year term as Superior and Rector of Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame. The third member of the formation staff is Father Paschal Mugabe, CSC (IP) who will be moving from Holy Cross Parish in Bugembe, Uganda.

Congratulations to **Brother Joseph Ash, CSC** of Saint Edmond's Academy in Wilmington, DE who has been recognized with 2 honors from **Contact Del U.S.A** in recognition of twenty-two years of service for 2,640 hours of volunteer service, handling suicide, drug and alcohol addictions and child abuse.

Congratulations to **Brother John O'Laughlin, CSC**, age 93, of St. Joseph's Center in Valatie, NY who was recognized for his over twenty years of service in bringing the Eucharist and his prayer to the homebound.

EXTRAORDINARY LIVES, BRINGING HOPE TO OTHERS



The Brothers of Holy Cross are a community of religious brothers who live extraordinary lives in service of others. From the founding of the University of Notre Dame to ministering in East Africa and Latin America, the Congregation has encouraged hundreds of men to develop their gifts and talents — all with the singular mission of bringing hope to others.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Brothers Province
Congregation of Holy Cross

In the spirit of our founder, Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, we serve the needs of the people of God through our consecrated commitment as lay religious within the church.

We respond in faith as prayerful and prophetic men who make God's love known to all. As disciples of Jesus, we strive to reach out to others and challenge ourselves to be especially attentive to the poor, oppressed and afflicted in our midst. We seek to confront aspects of society and culture which detract from the fullness of life. We share this mission with people of various cultures and traditions.

We are sustained and motivated by our relationship with God and are enriched by prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to ongoing personal growth, renewal and conversion.

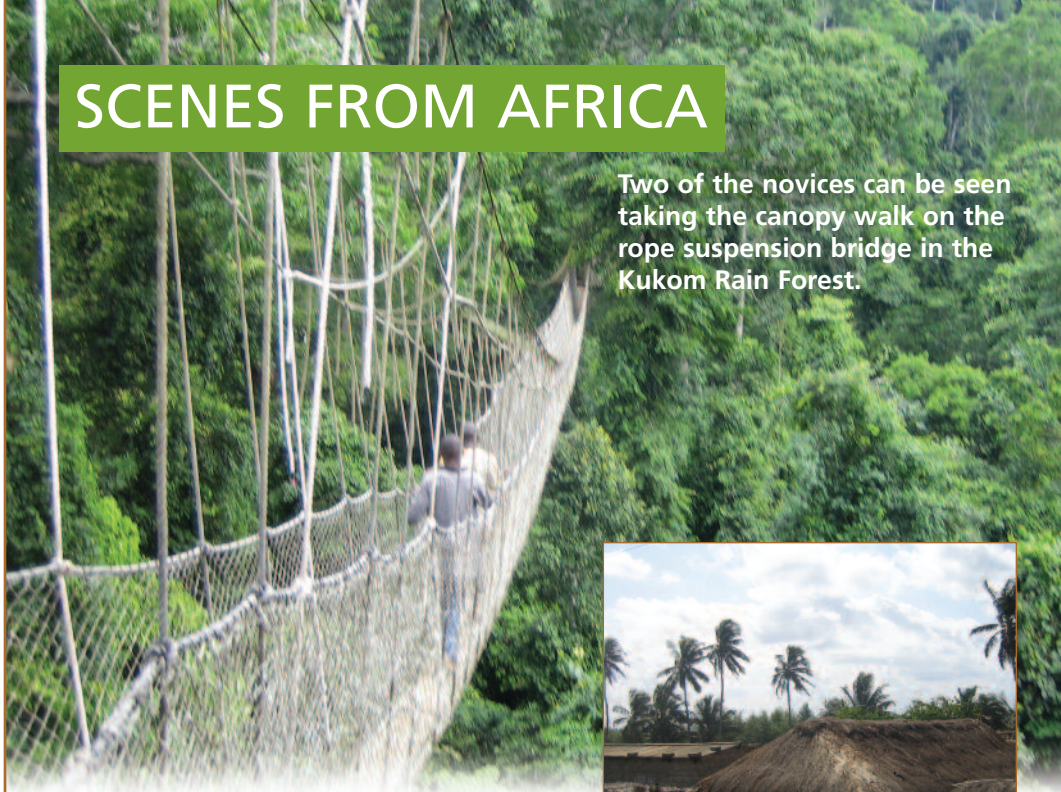
As men of mission, we are supported and encouraged by our brothers and sisters in Holy Cross. We build community, in a spirit of hospitality, as a sign of hope in an alienated world.

As brothers, dedicated to the mission of Jesus, we look to the future with boldness and hope.

-promulgated October 30, 1993

This Newsletter is published by the Brothers of Holy Cross, Eastern Province, to provide information to our friends and benefactors who prayerfully support our ministries.
 God Bless You!

SCENES FROM AFRICA



Two of the novices can be seen taking the canopy walk on the rope suspension bridge in the Kukom Rain Forest.



A fishing village outside the city of Cape Coast.



Blessed Brother André Novitiate in Cape Coast.



At Blessed Brother André Novitiate in Cape Coast, Ghana: Brothers Francis Bogtir (MW), Nee Wayoe (MW), Novice Director, David Omune (EB), Eric Amoah (MW), Anthony Dadzie, Assistant Novice Director, and Linus Nviiri (IP).



Brother-candidate Benedict Mugisa of the District of East Africa who will begin his novitiate at Holy Cross Novitiate in Saaka, Uganda in August.

The infamous Elimina Castle in Cape Coast where many were sold into slavery.

