



“Blessed be his name!” – Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC

On Friday, September 14, 2007, in the small town of Laigné-en-Bélin, the bell commissioned by Father Basil Moreau in 1842 for the first school established by the Congregation, *Collège Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix in LeMans*, was rung at 10 AM. Immediately, throughout the Diocese of LeMans, all church bells rang to begin the celebration of the beatification of the native son of Laigné-en-Bélin and founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC.

More than 500 Holy Cross religious – brothers, priests, and sisters – and members of the Holy Cross family – associates in ministry, school administrators, board members, and students – and towns people gathered in front of the parish church of St. Martin where Basil Moreau was baptized. The Deputy Mayors of Laigné and the Bishop of LeMans, Most Rev. Jacques Maurice Faivre, delivered greetings and unveiled a plaque. Flags of the countries where the Congregation serves throughout the world were planted on both sides of the entrance of the church. The participants reflected on the life of Blessed Basil and gave God thanks for the life and

ministry of this holy man. The mayor of Laigné offered champagne to all who attended at the end of the prayer service.

That afternoon, the Holy Cross family gathered once again in the Mother Church of the Congregation, *Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix in LeMans*.

Archbishop André Richard, CSC, the Archbishop of Moncton in New Brunswick, Canada presided at a moving prayer service honoring the life and legacy of Father Moreau. Several songs written in honor of the new Blessed were sung by the congregation.

On Saturday afternoon, September 15, 2007, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the patronal feast of the Congregation of Holy Cross, more than 5,000 people gathered in the *Centre Antarès*, a sports arena more used for basketball games than liturgies, for the beatification ceremony. Bishop Jacques Maurice Faivre of Le Mans presided at the Eucharistic Liturgy, and was joined at the altar by Archbishop André Armand Vingt-Trois of Paris; Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, DC, as well as by 11 Holy Cross bishops and archbishops from Canada, the US, Haiti, India and Bangladesh.

Prior to the singing of the Gloria by the Cathedral Choir, Father Hugh Cleary, CSC, Superior General of the men’s congregation and Sister Kesta Occident, CSC, Superior General of the Sisters of Holy Cross of Canada,



Tomb of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC in the nave of the Church of Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix in Le Mans, France, the conventual church of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

From The Desk Of The Provincial



Brother Thomas A. Dziekan, CSC

Dear Friends in Holy Cross,

At this time of the year, our thoughts are focused on the upcoming holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are constantly reminded that the holidays are “fast approaching,” and we are bombarded with ads in the newspapers and on television as well as the displays in all the stores which tell us the best way to celebrate!

As we give thanks, all of us can list the many blessings that grace and support our lives. We thank God for the blessings of family and friends, of those who love us, of those who care for us, of those who encourage and support us. We give thanks that we can also do these same things for one another. Of course, we in Holy Cross are grateful for the great blessing of the beatification of our Founder, Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau. Given that at the end of his life, Father Moreau was abandoned by the priests and brothers of Holy Cross, this has been a moment for us to make amends and to return to him as our father and founder.

And, we wait for Christmas! As we begin this great season of Advent, let us truly prepare to celebrate the beauty of the meaning of Christ’s birth, to come to know and love Emmanuel – “God-who-is-with-us” – who came to share our burdens and cares and to show His great love for us! Perhaps we can find time to put the stress of the season aside and remember that the birth of this Child changed the world with His message of *building a kingdom of justice, love and peace*. In our hearts, we long for these gifts. May we try to live our lives so that these gifts may be a reality!

Let us all give thanks for the gift of life, for the lives of Brothers Theodore and Sidney, for the bounty of the earth, for our Holy Cross educators and the students we serve. Know that you and your needs and intentions are in our prayers. We joyfully and lovingly bring them to the Lord on your behalf through the intercession of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau!

May your lives be filled with a joyful spirit of thanksgiving and may you greet the Prince of Peace with eager hope!

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Brother Thomas A. Dziekan, CSC
Provincial



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Brother Theodore Carrelas Oliveira, CSC
Brother Sidney (Frederick) Halligan, CSC
Sister Miriam Regina, CSC
Sister Brigida Dwyer, CSC
Sister Alicia Marie Maloney, CSC
Sister M. Redempta Lengerich, CSC
Sister Mary Nicholas Gough, CSC
Father Robert McInroy, CSC
(Canadian Province)
Brother Francis Rotsaert, CSC
(Midwest Province)
Father Joseph Quinn, CSC *(Eastern Province)*
Brother Leon Laroche, CSC *(Canadian Province)*
Father Robert L. Kramer, CSC
(Indiana Province)
Brother Leo Walter Kowalski, CSC
(Midwest Province)
Brother Richard Hillis, CSC *(Midwest Province)*
Father Mathew Vadakedam CSC
(Province of India)
Brother Rudolph Talaga, CSC
(Midwest Province)
Sandra Koch & Robert Schreck, cousins of
Brother James DeTemple, CSC
Joseph Palmisano, friend of
Brother James DeTemple, CSC
Michael Awuni, father of novice George Awuni
Teresa Giumenta, mother of
Brother Thomas Giumenta, CSC
Mary Petrowski, aunt of
Brother Thomas Dziekan, CSC
Paula Savino, cousin of
Brother Thomas Dziekan, CSC
John Sayler, Brother-in-law of
Brother Edward Quintal, CSC
Alice McDonnell, mother of
Brother Joseph McDonnell, CSC
Theresa Ensign, mother of
Brother Francis Ensign, CSC
Ruth Smith, aunt of Brother Francis Leary, CSC

And for the following individuals who are ill:

Brother Thomas Burns, CSC
Catherine Gleason, mother of
Brother John Gleason, CSC
Sister Doris Clarke and Bernice Clarke,
sisters of Brother Stefan Clarke, CSC
*Our ill and infirm Holy Cross Religious at
Dujarie House and at Holy Cross House*

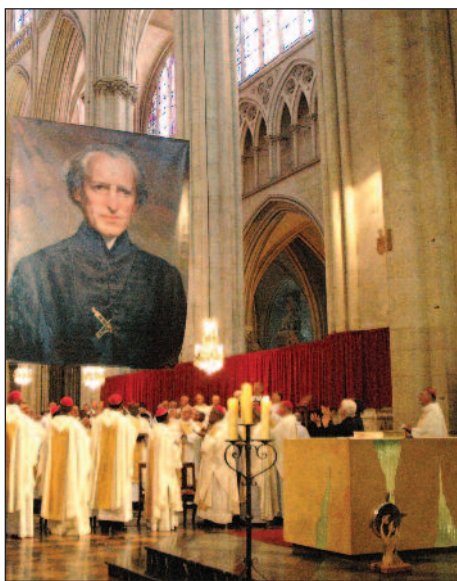
Please join our Brothers in the ministry of Prayer by including these intentions in your prayers during the next months:

- For our students, administrators, faculties, staffs, boards and alumni of our Province schools, for their needs and intentions
- For vocations to Holy Cross and especially to the Brotherhood
- For peace in families and in the world.

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read a short biography of Father Moreau. At its conclusion, Cardinal Martins read the Apostolic Letter of Benedict XVI naming Basil Anthony Mary Moreau, “priest and Founder of the Family of Holy Cross,” *Blessed* and establishing his feast on January 20. At that moment, the choir sang a joy-filled *Gloria* and a large portrait of Father Moreau was unfurled over the altar. The congregation burst into sustained and spontaneous applause.

In addition to the Holy Cross religious and associates present, members of Father Moreau’s family were in attendance as was the Prime Minister of France and his wife, François and Penelope Fillon. The Prime Minister is an alumnus of the *Lycée Sainte-Croix*, the descendant of the original school established by Father Moreau. Of note, as well, approximately 100 scouts – both boys and girls – participated in the liturgy, serving as gift bearers for the Offertory and acolytes during Communion. They represented the thousands of young people who are students in schools, colleges and universities sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross throughout the world.



The concelebrants at the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral of St. Julien in Le Mans. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick presided at the liturgy.

Following the beatification liturgy, members of the official delegations from the various Provinces and Districts of the Congregation from around the world, along with members of Father Moreau’s family and other dignitaries, gathered for a festive and elegant banquet.

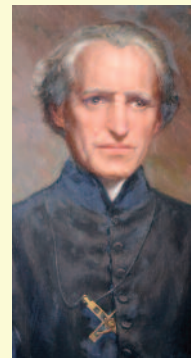
On Sunday, September 16, the Holy Cross pilgrims gathered in the Cathedral of St. Julien in Le Mans for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, DC, a dear and close friend of the Congregation. Holy Cross sisters from Bangladesh led the Offertory procession with flowers and incense while Holy Cross religious from Bangladesh sang a song in Bangla written to honor Father Moreau. This Gothic cathedral, parts of which date back to the eleventh century, was an awesome setting for this great act of thanksgiving on the part of the brothers, priests, sisters and lay associates of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

The Family of Holy Cross throughout the world rejoiced on this great occasion and experienced it as a true moment of grace. Our Founder, who reminded his religious that they were the “spoiled children of God’s Providence,” reminds us still that all is in God’s hands and that we are His “simple instruments.”



The bell commissioned by Blessed Basil Moreau in 1842 for the first school of the Congregation, the *Collège Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix* in Le Mans.

Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau



Born on February 11, 1799 in Laigné-en-Belin near Le Mans, France, Basil Anthony Moreau experienced the devastating consequences of the French Revolution. Ordained a priest at 22 years of age, he taught and served as assistant superior of the Major Seminary in Le Mans where he

laid the foundations for the society of Auxiliary Priests. He longed to be engaged in the ministries of preaching, Christian education, and the foreign missions.

In 1835, at the bishop’s request, he took direction of the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded in 1820 by Father James Dujarié. On March 1, 1837, the Auxiliary Priests and the Brothers of St. Joseph were united into the Association of Holy Cross. In 1841, to respond more effectively to the mission, Father Moreau founded a group of women religious. Today, the women of Holy Cross form three distinct congregations: Marianites of Holy Cross, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Sisters of Holy Cross. The name “Holy Cross” is taken from a neighborhood in Le Mans. With papal approval of the Constitutions on May 13, 1857, this Association became the Congregation of Holy Cross. The sisters became a separate Congregation.

In response to the appeals from bishops, Father Moreau sent his religious in teams of brothers, priests and sisters to minister in Algeria and the United States (1841), Italy (1850) and India (1853).

Soon after the approval of the Constitutions, Father Moreau became the victim of subversion at the hands of some of his most influential priests, who resented his reprimands for their administrative irresponsibility. After a series of struggles that were frustrating and discouraging – including the sale of the mother house, — the founder decided to resign as Superior General in 1866. Estranged from the community to which he had given his life, he resumed an active preaching and retreat ministry until his death on January 20, 1873.

In 1923, the Congregation came to a restored reverence for its founder and reacquired the church of the mother house, whose sale had been such a blow to him.

IN LOVING MEMORY

BROTHER SIDNEY (FREDERICK) HALLIGAN, CSC



Brother Sidney
(Frederick)
Halligan, CSC
May 1, 1925 –
August 19, 2007

Brother Sidney (Frederick) Halligan, CSC, a member of the Eastern Province of Brothers, died suddenly on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at Barnwell Nursing Home in Valatie, NY.

Frederick Halligan was born to Richard and Susan Ham Halligan on May 1, 1925 in Troy, NY, the youngest of their three sons. On May 13, 1925 he was baptized at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Troy. He attended the parish school and then entered LaSalle Institute in Troy as a freshman in 1938. Upon graduation from LaSalle, Frederick entered the postulancy for the Brothers of Holy Cross at St. Joseph of Holy Cross Juniorate in Valatie, NY on September 8, 1942. He was received into the Congregation at Our Lady of Holy Cross Novitiate in North Dartmouth, MA on January 15, 1943 and was given the name “Brother Sidney.” He made his initial profession in Holy Cross on February 2, 1944 and his perpetual profession of vows in Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame on August 16, 1947.

Following his first profession, Brother Sidney was assigned to Dujarie Hall at Notre Dame. He graduated *magna cum laude* and received a Ph.B. in 1947. He later pursued graduate studies and received an MAT in Theology with a specialization in Scripture from St. Michael’s College in Winooski, VT.

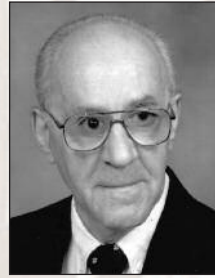
In the fall of 1947, Brother Sidney was assigned to teach at Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, MS. He was to remain there for only a few months. In January 1948 he assigned to Holy Cross School in New Orleans, LA as treasurer. It was now that his great gift for finance was to be put to use in the Congregation. In January 1957, Brother Sidney was appointed the Provincial Treasurer and Steward of the new Eastern Brothers Vice-Province, a position he held for the next 21 years. Brother Sidney reminded us all that whatever resources we had, they were gifts from God and as religious we were to be mindful of those who were less fortunate, to be good stewards of God’s creation, and to work for justice and peace. He did this in his very quiet and humble way.

In 1978, Brother Sidney completed his term as the Provincial Steward and was assigned to Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT. In January 1980, he moved to St. Joseph Center in Valatie where he served as Director of the local community and then treasurer.

Brother Sidney loved the Scriptures and shared that love with others. He was a quiet, gentle, humble and prayerful man, always kind and welcoming, a faithful companion in community with a wonderful sense of humor who truly cared for others.

Following a Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Church in Valatie, Brother Sidney was buried in the community cemetery at St. Joseph’s Center in Valatie on August 23, 2007.

Brother Theodore Oliveira, CSC



Brother Theodore
Oliveira, CSC
November 3, 1930
– August 18, 2007

Brother Theodore Oliveira, CSC, a member of the Eastern Province of Brothers, died on August 18, 2007 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT.

Theodore Carrelas Oliveira was born in Fall River, MA on November 30, 1930 to the late Theodore and Mary Carrelas Oliveira, the youngest of their four children. He was baptized at Santo Christo Parish church in Fall River on November 16, 1930. Theodore attended local public schools for his elementary education. In 1945, he entered Msgr. Coyle High School in Taunton, MA as a freshman, where he met the Holy Cross Brothers. Having graduated *magna cum laude* from Msgr. Coyle in 1949, he entered St. Joseph of Holy Cross Juniorate in Valatie, NY on July 1st that same year. On August 15, 1949, he was received into the Congregation at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, IN. Brother Theodore made his initial profession in Holy Cross on August 16, 1950 and professed his perpetual vows three years later at Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame on August 16, 1953.

Following his first profession, Brother Theodore was assigned to Dujarie Hall, the scholasticate for the Brothers studying at the University of Notre Dame where he studied the Classics. In the fall of 1952, he was assigned to teach Latin at Catholic Central High School in Monroe, MI. Five months later, he was assigned to Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT where he was to spend the next fifty-four years. Brother Theodore eventually completed his course work during the summers and received his BA in Classics from Notre Dame in 1959.

Brother Theodore’s tenure at Notre Dame High School in West Haven spanned almost the entire history of that school. He served under every chief administrator except the first. He, in fact, became an “institution” within that institution. A respected and admired teacher, he taught religion and all levels of Latin from 1953 until his retirement from the classroom in 2005, a teaching career of 52 years.

In addition, Brother Theodore was assigned to maintenance duties. He was a master at fixing all manner of things. The old furnaces in the school and brothers’ residence were coaxed into working even when the companies servicing them said that they were beyond hope! If Theodore pronounced something as “unfixable,” it was.

A shy man and one who never sought the limelight, Theodore nevertheless earned the affection, respect and admiration of many people through his fifty-four years at Notre Dame of West Haven. He was named one of the original Knights of Honor of Notre Dame in 1986.

A wake and Mass of the Resurrection were held in the gymnasium of Notre Dame High School, concelebrated by nine priests, seven of whom were his former students. On Thursday, August 23, Brother Theodore was laid to rest in the community cemetery in Valatie, NY.

Gathering of Holy Cross Educators

On Saturday, October 6, 2007 some 50 Board Members and Administrators from the Province sponsored schools gathered at Holy Cross High School in Flushing for a day-long workshop and celebration of the beatification of Father Basil Anthony Moreau. The group happily welcomed Very Rev. Hugh Cleary, CSC, Superior General, and Brother John R. Paige, CSC, Vicar and First Assistant General, as guests for the day.

The theme for the gathering was: *In Celebration of Blessed Basil Moreau: Communicating His Vision, Living the Mission.* Gail Tyson, Senior Marketing Communications Strategist, with Zehno Cross Media Communications of New Orleans, LA gave the keynote presentation, *Your Mission in Action: Telling Your Story.* In the afternoon, Gail was available for questions and answers from the participants. In addition,



Holy Cross High School student Glen Barker welcomed all those attending the liturgy and most especially Father Hugh Cleary, CSC, Superior General, a 1964 alumnus of Holy Cross.



The concelebrants for the Liturgy of Thanksgiving celebrated on October 6, 2007 at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY: Father Emmanuel Kallarackel, CSC, of the Province of India, Father Hugh Cleary, CSC, Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Arthur Colgan, CSC, Provincial of the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers in Bridgeport, CT, and Father Arthur Minichello, Pastor of St. Fidelis Parish in College Point, NY.

tion, participants could choose from among workshops presented by Brother George Schmitz, CSC on governance, Brother Stephen Walsh, CSC, Executive Director of the Holy Cross Institute on Holy Cross values and decision making, and Dr. Vincent Pitts, Board Chair of Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT, on financial planning for institutions.

Following the workshop, Father Cleary celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with concelebrants Father Arthur Colgan, CSC, Provincial of the Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers, Father Emmanuel Kallarackel, CSC, a member of the Province of India, and Father Arthur Minichello, pastor of St. Fidelis Parish in College Point, NY. Brothers of the Eastern Province joined the workshop participants for the liturgy and banquet that followed. Students from Holy Cross High School in Flushing acted as greeters and assistants throughout the day and as readers, ushers, acolytes for the liturgy. Forty-five members of the Bishop McNamara High School Gospel Choir, under the direction of Ms. Rhoda Sutton, traveled from Forestville, MD to provide an impressive array of

beautiful, moving and inspirational music for the liturgy. The presence and participation of these talented and impressive students were reminders to all in attendance of the reason for their ministry of service.



Bishop McNamara High School Junior Sakkara Turner led the Gospel Choir and the congregation in singing the "Holy, Holy" at the Mass of Thanksgiving.

News From The Vocations Office



Brother William Zaydak, CSC

Dear Friends,

The future of the Brothers of Holy Cross clearly depends on young men becoming Brothers: *first by being aware of such a vocation; and, then being mentored in their discernment of such a commitment.*

Currently the Brothers of Holy Cross, Eastern Province, are actively doing this. Our recent efforts are based in the decisions of the General Chapter of 2004, a meeting of world-wide representatives of priests and Brothers of Holy Cross where policies and guidelines were set for the entire congregation. At that meeting vocation promotion to Holy Cross was set as an *essential priority*. An international committee was formed to create a Congregational Vocation Plan, taking into account the various cultures and societies where we live and minister. A marketing firm did an analysis of Holy Cross in the USA and further developed aspects of a vocation promotion plan for that group.

Similar to the meeting in Rome, the Brothers of this Province had a meeting in June 2006 to set policies and guidelines. One outcome was the re-creation of our Province Vocation Committee. The membership of the committee is: Brother Larry Atkinson (Province Vocation Director), Brother Paul Bednarczyk, Brother Edward Boyer, Brother William Clifford, Brother Harold Hathaway and Brother Joseph McDonnell. I serve as Chair. The group was given the task to use the Vocation Plan for the US and create a plan specific to our Province. During a meeting of all the Brothers in our province in September 2006, they spoke about ways to enhance their visibility, to better use media and the importance of personal contact with potential prospects. It was an experience of rediscovering our energy and enthusiasm as Brothers and reaffirming our vocation as Brothers in the ministry of the church.

During the next few months, Brother Larry Atkinson and I visited the five schools sponsored by the province and met with Administrators, Campus Ministry staff and Faculty members. In some schools student focus groups were formed. During the focus groups, we heard about the participants' positive experiences of the Brothers as well as suggestions for better visibility, personal contact and the use of media. All the schools were enthusiastic about working more closely with Brother Larry Atkinson. Along with this, the Vocations Office was moved to Holy Cross High School, NY in August, in a more central location to the province and the sponsored schools of the province.

Looking ahead, the vocation promotion efforts in our schools will continue and we will continue our efforts to reach out to recent graduates and students in college. We intend to expand the membership of the Vocation Committee to include people with expertise in media relations and marketing.

Join us in our efforts to promote the vocation of the Brother in Holy Cross! We appreciate your prayers.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bro. Wm. Zaydak CSC".

Brother William Zaydak, CSC, Vicar Provincial
Chair, Formation and Vocations Committee

In the News

Brother Charles Lewis has moved from Brother Vincent Pieau Residence in Austin, TX to Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

Coming to Know and Love Christ: From Evangelization to Discipleship was the title of the 2007 Notre Dame Campus Ministry Symposium held at University of Notre Dame from June 4-8. In attendance were campus ministers from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. **Brother Paul Bednarczyk** gave a workshop on building a vocation culture on a college or university campus and **Brother Thomas Dziekan** gave a workshop on ministry to the minister.

An Abundant Harvest

In recent years, organic products have found a home in food markets around the country. Now, St. Joseph's Center, the assisted living facility for the Brothers of the Eastern Province in Valatie, NY, is also home to an organic farming venture. In October, 2006, the Province signed a conservation easement with New York State, electing to maintain the land at St. Joseph's Center for agricultural purposes only. The land at St. Joseph's has some of the richest soil in Columbia County. A dream of one day using the land for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) became a reality when Paul Hess and Kelly O'Hearn, from nearby Vermont were hired to begin a Community Supported Garden (CSG) on the land, using all-natural, organic methods.



From July 1 - 4, 2007, the Holy Cross Brothers living in Chile, Haiti, Peru and Brazil gathered at *Colégio Notre Dame* in Campinas, Brazil for the first ever *Encontro dos Irmãos de Congregação de Santa Cruz da América Latina e Caribe*. **Brother Thomas Giumenta** was one of the organizers of the "Encontro" and gave a presentation on the *Spirituality of Father James Dujarié*. Approximately 25 brothers participated.

On July 6, 2007 **Brother Thomas Dziekan** gave a day long workshop to the Sisters of Holy Cross involved in education at Berrakah, the Sisters' retreat center in Pittsfield, NH. His presentations were entitled *Building a Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace: Our Charism as Holy Cross Educators* and *A Reflection on the Spirituality of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau*. In attendance were sisters from Canada, Haiti and the United States.

On October 18, 2007, **Brother George Schmitz** gave the keynote speech at The McGowan School of Business Northeast Pennsylvania Forum at King's College. In attendance were alumni/ae and friends of King's College who are willing to act as mentors for students in the Business School. It also provides the students an opportunity to network.

The five sponsored schools of the Eastern Province of Brothers – **Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, MD**, **Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY**, **Holy Cross High School in Waterbury, CT**, **Notre Dame High School in West**

Haven, CT and Saint Edmond's Academy in Wilmington, DE opened with strong enrollments and many new programs this fall. There are 3,580 young men and women enrolled in our schools.

Student leaders from the high schools in the province attended the **Holy Cross Student Leadership Conference** held at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame, IN this past summer. Student leaders from Holy Cross schools throughout the United States were in attendance. The students heard presentations on Holy Cross history and heritage and devised plans for the celebration of each at their respective schools. The conference was a great success.

The Holy Cross Mission Seminar was held at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA the week of July 7th. Faculty, staff and administrators from Holy Cross schools throughout the United States participated in seminars, presentations and small group discussions about the legacy of Holy Cross education and ways to promote it at their respective schools.



In this startup year, a large variety of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers were grown, providing food for the Brothers' table and produce for sale at a local farmers' market. Eight garden entries won awards, including two blue ribbons, in the Columbia County Fair. The hope and joy of new life was yet another prize won in the lives of many brothers with this year's garden.



Upper left: A view of The Community Supported Garden (CSG) at St. Joseph's Center in Valatie, NY. **Upper right:** A collage showing some of the award winning vegetables grown at the CSG along with Paul Hess and Kelly O'Hearn hard at work and a view of the produce stand at one of the local Farmers' Markets. **Lower left:** At a liturgy in the St. Joseph Center Chapel last spring, Father Robert deLeon, CSC blesses the seedlings being held by Paul Hess while Kelly O'Hearn looks on.

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Eastern Brothers Province
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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.

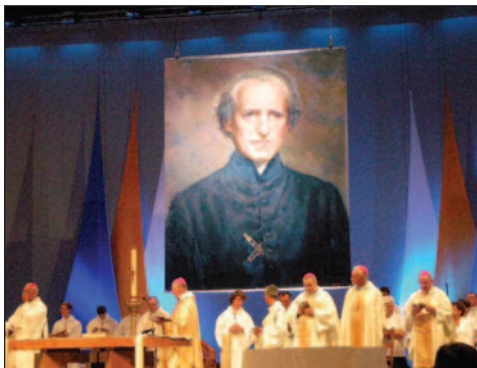
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God Bless You!

Scenes from the Beatification



Some of the members of the delegation from the Eastern Province of Brothers around the bell commissioned by Father Moreau for the first school of the Congregation, *Collège Notre-Dame-de-Sainte-Croix*. Seated: Brother Deogratias Magezi from Uganda and Brother Joseph McDonnell. Standing from left to right: Brother Paul Bednarczyk, Father James Burasa, CSC, District Superior of East Africa, Mr. Amadeo Rialdi, Brother Jerome Donnelly, Brother James Branigan, Brother Lawrence Lussier, Brother William Clifford, Brother Francis Leary, Brother Victor Monette and Brother John Paige, Vicar General of the Congregation. Back row: Brother John Flood and Brother Thomas Dziekan.



Bishop Jacques Maurice Favre, Bishop of Le Mans, and other concelebrants during the singing of the "Glory to God," just after Cardinal Martins read the apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XVI and the picture of Blessed Basil Moreau was unfurled.

Holy Cross Sisters
Pushpa Teresa Gomes,
Mala Kubi and
Shiuli Gomes lead the
offertory procession
during the Mass of
Thanksgiving at the
Cathedral of St. Julien
in Le Mans on Sunday,
September 16, 2007.



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