



Holy Cross Province News

April 2018

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Birthdays

- 3 Ray Sanchez
- 26 Simon Herbers

Professions

- 18 E. John Hilgert

Ordinations

- 17 David Colhour
- 27 Don Senior
Alan Phillip
Jorge Stanfield
Phil Paxton
- 28 Ron Corl
Eric Meyer
- 30 Joseph Barbieri



LOOKING FORWARD...

- April 1**
Easter Sunday
- April 8**
Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 9**
Annunciation of the Lord
- April 20**
Glorious Wounds of Jesus

Updates...

- Please keep Bob Crossmyer, who has been ill, in your prayers.
- Provincial Council meetings will be held April 11-12, via Zoom video conferencing.
- Provincial visitation will be held April 18-26 at St. Vincent Strambi Community, Chicago, Illinois.
- Catholic Theological Union (CTU) will hold its annual ***Blessed are the Peacemakers Trustee Dinner*** on April 25. This year's honorees are Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and Carolyn and John Parmer.
- The Visioning Commission meets at the Offices of the Passionists of Holy Cross Province in Park Ridge, April 17-18.
- Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center's annual golf outing will be held on Tuesday, April 10. The event was rescheduled from last fall due to Hurricane Harvey which hit the Houston area.
- Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School's 6th annual *Rey of Hope* Gala will be held April 26 at The Club in Birmingham.



“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

~John 20:29 (NABRE)

Holy Week Happenings...

David Ponce, who has been in discernment with the Passionists, traveled to Louisville and spent Holy Week at Sacred Heart Monastery.



(l-r): John Monzyk, David Ponce and Chris Gibson.

Spanish Speaking Men's Retreat...

For 57 years, men from Mexicali and Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, have been coming to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center for an annual retreat. What is unique about this retreat is that it begins on Holy Thursday and ends on Easter Sunday. The retreat was directed by Fr. Jose Luis Ortega, M.Sp.S., who traveled with the men from Mexico. This year, there were 55 retreatants. Clemente Barrón, Passionist Director of Hispanic Ministry at Mater Dolorosa, has taken a special interest in expanding this retreat in the Los Angeles and surrounding areas.

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is now promoting this retreat among the Spanish-speaking men who attend programs at Mater Dolorosa. These men are beginning to experience other programs in Spanish offered by Mater Dolorosa, such as Breve Retiros (evenings of recollection) and Christmas Posadas.



(l-r): Clemente Barrón; Arturo Cubillas, retreat captain from Tijuana; and Diego González, retreatant.

Haiti...

For the beginning of Holy Week, Hugo Esparza-Pérez organized a four-day retreat for the Aspirants in Haiti. The retreat concluded with the Passionists accompanying the seminarians to the five chapels in the Parish of St. Victor, where the Passionists serve as administrators. It was a true blessing for everyone. Some of the chapels had never celebrated Holy Thursday or the ritual of the washing of the feet. According to Hugo, "the seminarians did an outstanding job visiting the sick and accompanying our brothers and sisters of St. Victor during the Triduum."

Two of the Aspirants, Jean Luc and Samuel, are ready to begin their Novitiate this summer. The other three Aspirants, Adenald, Rolph and Garry, are finishing their Philosophy requirements. Additionally, 11 candidates are in the year-long discernment process. Those candidates who are ready will have the opportunity to enter into community this August.

Please keep these young men in your prayers.



Hugo with the Aspirants.
*(l-r) Front: Samuel, Adenald and Rolph.
Back: Jean Luc, Garry and Hugo.*



Hugo with the Candidates.
*(l-r) Front: Sansom, Saje, Garry,
Juderson and Gedromy.
Back: Daniel, Liounel, Hugo, Bathelmy,
Donalson, Willio and Germain.*

Lenten Parish Missions...



Blaise Czaja dodged Nor'easters as he traveled to preach his Lenten parish missions. Rome, New York, welcomed Blaise with over a foot of snow on the ground.



Blaise and Arthur Carrillo partnered for a mission at Holy Cross Parish in Kernersville, North Carolina.
*(l-r): Blaise; Paul Dechant, OSFS, Pastor;
and Arthur Carrillo.*

The Offices of The Passionists of Holy Cross Province...

After eight months of sawing, hammering, drilling, demolishing and rebuilding walls, construction at 660 Busse Highway is complete! The dust is gone, everyone is moved into their offices, freshly painted walls are dressed with artwork, and the Archives are stacked in order. The Provincial and Development Offices are now The Offices of the Passionists of Holy Cross Province.

Many thanks to everyone involved for their hard work and patience in bringing this project to completion.

If you have not already done so, please make note of our contact information:

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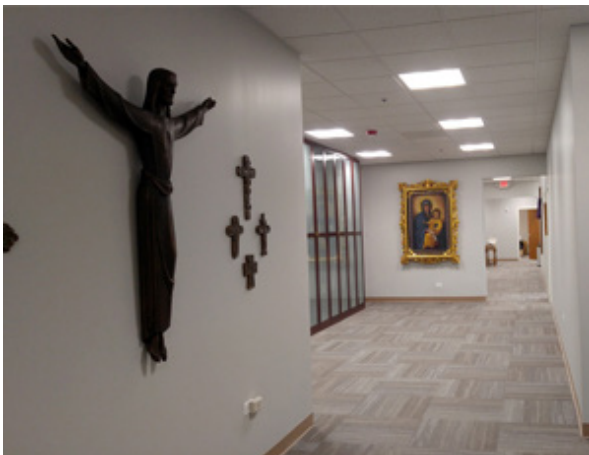
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Loretta has settled into her new office.



St. Paul of the Cross watches over the meetings and gatherings in the conference room.



Artwork adorns the halls.



The archives are nestled into their space.