



Holy Cross Province News

March 2019

March Birthdays

- 13 Bruno D'Souza
- 18 Randal Joyce
- 25 Tu-Jin Paul Kim
- 26 Eric Meyer

Professions

- 5 Jorge Stanfield

LOOKING FORWARD...

March 6

Ash Wednesday

March 17

Feast of St. Patrick

March 19

Feast of St. Joseph

March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets in Park Ridge, March 12-14.
- The Visioning Commission meets in Park Ridge, March 19-20.
- Larry Finn's brother, Don Willard Finn, died on February 20, 2019, in Illinois. Burial arrangements are pending. Please keep Larry and the entire Finn family in your prayers.

- From our Passionist Alumni:

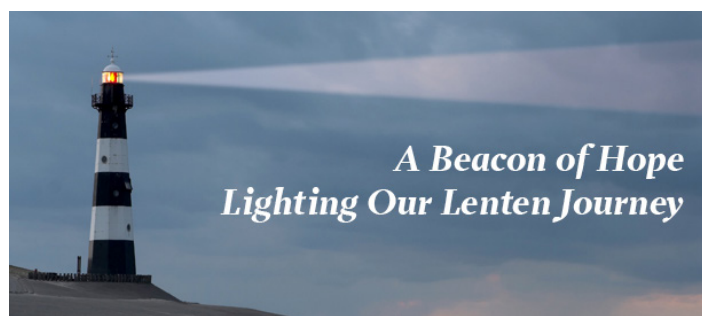
Gerry Granich, Mother of Good Counsel (MGC) Prep '69, died on February 14. Please keep Gerry and his family in your prayers.

Please also keep Mike Schweizer, who is battling cancer, in your prayers. Mike is also a '69 graduate of MGC Prep.

- On Friday, February 22, Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School (HFCRCHS) gathered at Holy Family Catholic Church to celebrate the academic achievements of its scholars. New members were inducted into three honor societies: Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (Spanish Honor Society), Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society), and National Honor Society. A total of thirty-three students were added as new members of the three honor societies, with many selected for membership in more than one of them. Congratulations to all of the inductees!
- HFCRCHS has a new video on their website highlighting the work-study program - how it complements the students' education, builds their self-confidence and teaches them the tools to be successful throughout their lives. Visit the school's [website](#) to watch the video.

Have a Blessed Lent

Be a Beacon of Hope during Lent, and **visit our website** to join Jack Conley and Richard Burke for a video reflection on the Scripture readings.



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Lenten Happenings...

EWTN Mission Series

Cedric Pisegna will present a 6-part Lenten Mission on EWTN during the upcoming Lenten season. The series will air beginning Saturday, March 9 at 11:30 pm ET/ 8:30 pm PT and Sunday March 10 at 2:30 pm ET/ 11:30 am PT.

Cedric's new book, *The Sacred Quest*, about prayer is now available. To order visit Cedric's website: www.frcedric.org.



Lent 4.5

"Lent 4.5 is a seven-week faith formation program which inspires and informs Christian church communities on how to use the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to protect God's creation, embrace Gospel justice and nurture spiritual fulfillment. It offers practical opportunities for people of faith to apply the values of Christian Simplicity to their everyday lives."

For more information, visit the [Passionist Earth & Spirit Center's website](#).

Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation...

Catholicism's "Best Kept Secret"

Bellarmino University student, Anderson Reeves was given the challenge of encapsulating on a bookmark the "7 pillars" of Catholic Social Teaching, sadly often referred to as "the best kept secret of the Catholic Church." The bookmark is distributed through the campus ministry office. Anderson enthusiastically gives us permission to use this design as we wish. If you would like additional information, you can contact him at areeves@bellarmine.edu.

[Download a PDF File of the bookmark here.](#)

"WE ARE ALREADY ONE,



BUT WE IMAGINE WE ARE NOT..." -THOMAS MERTON

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



Option for the poor and vulnerable

the vulnerable and the people on the edges of society deserve the care necessary to uphold their dignity and alleviate their suffering



Call to family, community, and participation

the person is not only sacred but also social; family and community are institutions that are driven to bringing well-being and justice to all people



Solidarity

we are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences, that is in the pursuit of justice and peace



Life and dignity of all human beings

every person is precious, people are more important than things, and we are called to solve disputes diplomatically



Care for all of God's creation

we are called to care for and protect the earth through good stewardship of natural resources



Rights and dignity of workers

in accord with their dignity, workers have the right to full employment, to fair wages, to private property and to economic initiative



Rights and responsibilities

each human being has a right to life, nutrition, housing, health care, education, employment and to practice one's faith; relative to these rights are responsibilities to one another, our families, and the larger society.

Configuration of Jesus Crucified...

Immediately following the Inter-Provincial Council Meeting January 31- February 2, Cristo Rey Province also hosted the meeting of the Configuration of Jesus Crucified (CJC). Francisco Valadez presided over the meeting because the president of the CJC, Francisco Murray, of Argentina could not attend because of health issues. In attendance were the provincials from the USA (two), Mexico (one) and Brazil (two), plus some of the council members from the respective provinces.

One of the main considerations of the meeting was a follow-up to the gathering of the members of the CJC who attended the October 2018 Congregational General Chapter in Rome. The issue before us is whether to become two separate configurations or operate as two zones within one configuration.

Francisco Valadez, from Cristo Rey Province of Mexico, was elected President of the CJC. Aurelio Miranda, of the Province of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Brazil, was elected vice president. A unanimous expression of gratitude was extended to Francisco Murray for his dedicated years of service as president. It was also decided that the CJC provincials will meet for an assembly every two years, with the next meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina in February 2021.



Francisco Valadez, Provincial, Cristo Rey Province, Mexico, celebrated Mass at the shrine of Cristo Rey, El Cubilete Mountain, Mexico. Accompanying him are Giovanni Cipriani, Leudes de Paula, Miguel Angel Villanueva and Edilberto Lins.



Leudes de Paula, Provincial, and Edilberto Lins, First Consultor of Gethsemani Province in Brazil/Argentina.



The Shrine of Cristo Rey, dedicated to the memory of the Mexicans martyred during the religious persecution in Mexico, 1910-1920.



David Colhour, Joe Moons and Jim Strommer at the shrine of Cristo Rey at El Cubilete Mountain.