



Holy Cross Province News

September 2019

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Birthdays

- 2 Alfonso San Juan
- 6 Don Webber
- 10 John Monzyk
- 17 Jack Conley
- 18 Carl Hund
Kurt Wernert
- 22 Richard Parks

Professions

- 2 Ray Sanchez
- 3 David Colhour
Phil Paxton
- 8 Cedric Pisegna
- 10 Kurt Wernert
- 15 Carl Hund
Patricio Manosalvas
Joseph Barbieri
- 30 Antonio Curto

LOOKING FORWARD...

September 8

Nativity of Mary

September 14

Exaltation of the Cross

September 15

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

September 24

St. Vincent Strambi, C.P.

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets in McCall, Idaho, September 8-13.
- The Fall semester at Catholic Theological Union began September 3. We wish professed students, Phillip Donlan and Conor Quinn, from St. Patrick Province, Ireland, and Passionist faculty, Don Senior and Robin Ryan, a successful semester!
- The Office of Mission Effectiveness (OME) is holding a formation program September 23-25, at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California. Presenters include: Don Webber, Faith Offman and Richard Burke.
- Congratulations to St. Agnes School and the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center in Louisville, Kentucky, who were recognized for their sustainability efforts in a recent article in the online newspaper, CRUX: *Kentucky students learn sustainability helps protect God's creation*. Read the article [here](#).

Prayers, please...

Please keep the following Passionist Family members in your prayers:

- John Peters, who died on August 30. John was the brother-in-law of Pat Brennan.
- Bob Temmerman, faithful friend to St. Paul's in Detroit. Bob died on August 28.
- Mark Brockman, Passionist Alumnus, who sustained a serious hand injury.
- Tom Rutledge, Passionist Alumnus, who is seriously ill.



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Vocations...

Nicholas Divine renewed his temporary vows on August 14, in the presence of Christ the King Community.

Photo at right: Nicholas Divine renews his vows to Joe Moons while Jim Strommer and Giltus Mathias look on.



Office of Mission Effectiveness (OME)...

Don Webber held an OME Board meeting via Zoom videoconferencing at the Province Offices.

At right: Don Webber and Angela Kwasinski during the meeting.



Tis the season...

To prevent influenza and its complications, the Province Health and Aging Advisory Board (PHAAB), strongly encourages an annual influenza vaccination for all vowed Passionists, employees and regular volunteers of Holy Cross Province.



Honoring a Legacy...

Elliot Rosen, film producer and grandnephew of Carl Schmitz, spent several hours in Holy Cross Province's Archives researching documentation, especially around the murder of Carl on April 7, 1988. Elliot is in the beginning stages of producing a documentary on his uncle to keep alive Carl's legacy to the Bilaan tribal people of Bolul, South Cotabato, Philippines.



Loretta Ciesielski, Elliot Rosen,
and Elliot's mother, Colleen Crimmins Rosen,
in the Province Archives.



Elliot and his mom, Colleen.

Visiting with friends...

Members of the Passionist Family in Chicago enjoyed their annual visit with Justin Bartoszek's family.

At right: (*seated l-r*): Phil Jackson, John Sutkowski,
Richard Thomson, Ed Bartoszek.
(*standing l-r*): Rick Grodek, Don Webber,
Dotty Grodek, Tu-Jin Kim, Rosanne Sutkowski
and Angela Kwasinski.



Hello, San Antonio...

While attending the recent Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, Joe Moons had the opportunity to have dinner with the Community of Passionist Partners (CPP).



Joe Moons with the Passionist Partners in San Antonio.

Clemente Barrón gave a presentation to the Community of Passionist Partners (CPP) in San Antonio, Texas, on Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate, The Call to Holiness in Today's World*.

At right: Clemente celebrated Mass for the San Antonio CPPs.



Life is happening in Louisville...

Life in Louisville is keeping busy with various projects. John Monzyk is making every effort to keep the 114 year-old monastery building in tip-top shape.

Jerry and Cherie Hettinger, benefactors in Louisville, have offered to replace the Sacred Heart statue which has stood for over 50 years in front of the monastery in Louisville.



A view from John Monzyk's "GutterCam" shows water collecting on the outer ledge and splashing over. Late September gutter work will place a caulk lip along the outer edge to prevent future leaking.



John Monzyk had a "BatCam" installed in the attic of Sacred Heart Monastery. Sacred Heart has contracted with a professional company to have the bats and any residual waste removed from the attic, which could pose a potential health risk. The removal and clean up is scheduled for late September.



Hello, old friend...

During the weekend of August 16-18, 2019, over 100 Passionist Formation Alumni of Holy Cross Province and invited guests gathered at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan. The weekend was filled with excitement, enthusiasm and energy when old friends reconnected and new friendships were formed. [Click here](#) to read more and to see pictures from the reunion.



A Week in Whitesville...

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center Board of Directors spent a week in Whitesville, Kentucky, with the Passionist Nuns at St. Joseph's Monastery. They were blessed to be guided in our growth of the Charism by Mother John Mary, and two Passionist Priests, Don Senior and Gwen Barde, General Consultor to Joachim Rego.



Mother John Mary speaks to the group about the Passionist Charism.



The whole group.



It's a NEW DAY at Cristo Rey!

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School moves to the historic Titusville community.

Holy Family Cristo Rey's board acquired the former Center Street Middle School on June 11, 2019 from the Birmingham Board of Education. Renovations and upgrades were made over the summer in time for classes to begin on August 8. The new campus claims over 68,000 square feet, and includes a cafeteria, a gym, science labs, fields, a track and tennis courts. The issues of safety, nutrition, school community, technology and operational efficiency are markedly improved in the new location, and allow faculty, staff and students to be housed in one building, located at 1832 Center Way South.

Current board, former board and a group of donors and friends gathered at the new campus on August 26 for a reception in the school's cafeteria to honor Alex Steinmiller, founding president of Holy Family Cristo Rey. Ken Simon, former board chair, provided a reflection on Alex's service and Phil Paxton, current board member, led the assembled group in prayer. Alex recently accepted a position with his religious community in Houston, Texas, and presented the school with a crucifix as a departing gift. Jon Chalmers, President and Dan Sansone, Board Chair, honored Alex with the creation of the *Founder's Fund*, in recognition of Alex's zeal and dedication in support of the school and its mission.



Alex Steinmiller (l) presents John Chalmers with a crucifix.

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School is a member of the Cristo Rey Network, the only network of high schools in the country that integrates four years of rigorous college preparatory academics with four years of professional work experience through the Corporate Work Study Program. Comprised of 37 Catholic, college - and career-preparatory schools that today serve 12,000 students across 24 states and collectively claim 18,000 graduates, the Cristo Rey Network delivers a powerful and innovative approach to education that equips students from families of limited economic means with the knowledge, character and skills to transform their lives.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.hfcristorey.org/>



Group shot!