



Holy Cross Province News

May 2021

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Birthdays

- 4 Jorge Stanfield
- 15 Patricio Manosalvas
- 20 Conor Quinn
- 21 Bob Crossmyer
- 23 Mike Higgins
- 24 E. John Hilgert

Professions

- 17 Febin Barose
- 18 Vimal Backiyaraj
- 28 Justin Nelson
- Bruno D'Souza

Ordinations

- 3 Vimal Backiyaraj
- 7 Justin Nelson
- 8 Bob Weiss
- 10 Febin Barose
- 16 Mike Higgins
- 21 Bob Crossmyer
- 22 Enno Dango
- 23 Ken O'Malley
- Blaise Czaja
- 24 Ronan Newbold
- Richard Thomson
- 26 Don Webber
- Pat Brennan
- 27 Frank Keenan
- 28 Hugo Esparza-Pérez
- Alfredo Ocampo
- 31 E. John Hilgert

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets May 11-13, via Zoom video conferencing.
- Joe Moons, CP, will travel to Nashville, Tennessee, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Community of Passionist Partners (CPP) and the Feast of St. Gemma Galgani with a special Mass on May 16 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.
- The Spring issue of our Province magazine, *The Passionists*, is now online. It is available [here](#).
- Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center's 25th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 17, at Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club in Katy, Texas. For more information, visit Holy Name's [website](#).
- The Passionist Family of Holy Cross Province congratulates the 2021 graduating classes from Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois; Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School and Holy Family Academy, Birmingham, Alabama; and St. Agnes School, Louisville, Kentucky. Best wishes to all as you begin the next chapter of your life!

LOOKING FORWARD...



St. Gemma Galgani

May 9

Mother's Day

May 13

Feast of the Ascension

May 16

Feast of St. Gemma Galgani

May 23

Pentecost

May 31

Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Memorial Day

Farewell, Dear Friend...

Alan Phillip, CP, died on March 4, 2021. On Thursday, April 8, our Passionist Family and members of Alan's family celebrated his rising to new life with a grateful celebration of his life as a Passionist. Live streaming made it possible for his family and many friends to share in the funeral ritual. Alan's remains were buried in the community cemetery on the grounds of Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre, California.



Alan's photo and urn in the chapel for the wake service at Mater Dolorosa.



Mike Higgins, CP, members of the Mater Dolorosa Community and Alan's family were present for the funeral.

A Special Vow...

God bless Manuel Valencia and Maria Morandini.

In their own spiritual growth and discernment, Manuel and Maria have felt called to commit themselves by private vow to live the charism of the Passion more explicitly and more deeply in their lives.

Both have deep roots with the Passionist Community and Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center.

For Manuel, while still building his professional career, he engaged with the Passionist Community at Mater Dolorosa, grew in the Passionist spirituality, and sought ordination to the diaconate. He currently serves as the Associate Retreat Director.

For Maria, a long-time retreatant and retreat captain dating from the 1980s, she served on the Retreat Center Advisory Board, as well as the Province Lay Advisory Board.

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts!



Holy Cross Province 2021 Assembly...

Save the Dates!

Visioning: Where we have been and where we are going.

We are expanding the invitation list to this year's Province Assembly to the larger Passionist Family, and you are invited.

We will meet by Zoom Tuesday, June 8, 2021, and Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

The gatherings will take place from:

- 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Central)
- 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)

Our Keynote Speakers will be:

- June 8 - Most Rev. Joachim Rego, CP, General Superior of the Passionist Congregation.
- June 9 - Paul Wadell, Passionist Alumnus.

We hope you can attend! More information will be forthcoming.



Peace...

As the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel gets a little brighter every day, here is your gentle reminder to breathe...

Many thanks to Pat Brennan, CP, for sharing this beautiful image from the chapel at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan.

*At just the right moment you can catch the sun
bouncing off the terrazzo floor up into the chapel
and illuminating the crucifix!*



Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center is opening up! Several hosted groups will be returning over the next few months, including the annual retreat for Priests of the Sacramento Diocese. The retreat center continues to offer online programs at this time.

Christ the King's celebration of Easter began with a limited in-person participation, and an online option for those who could not be accommodated at the Holy Thursday Mass. The retreat center's chef sent guests home with a cup of homemade soup.

On Good Friday, offerings included an online morning retreat facilitated by Jack Conley, CP, and Tom Bonacci, CP, and in-person Stations of the Cross.



Jack Conley, CP, prepares to lead a group through the Stations of the Cross.



A group prays the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Rebuilding Bridges

In April, volunteers at Christ the King worked to rebuild the bridges at the Stations of the Cross. Many thanks to Curtis Walker, owner and president of Mike Walker Lumber, Inc., for the donation of materials. Thanks to volunteers Curtis Walker, Cristina Brisbane, Brandon Mattes, Chris and Bill Swars and Chris Ornelas.

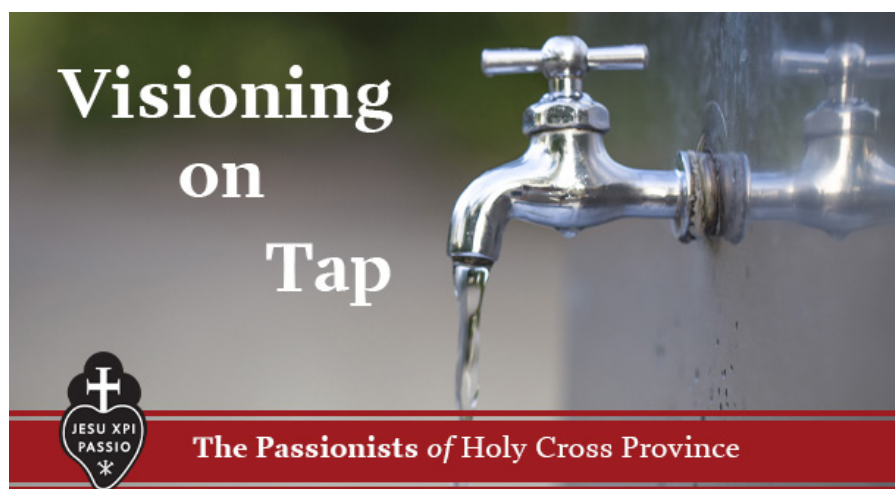


Volunteers work on replacing the boards of the bridge.



Curtis Walker and Cristina Brisbane.

Visioning on Tap...



Visioning on Tap is an innovative way to engage in The Passionists of Holy Cross Province's Vision Fulfillment Process, as well as consider how the topics to be presented impact your personal life!

Each 60-minute virtual session will include prayer, small and large group conversation and a short presentation highlighting a Vision Fulfillment initiative. It is time for you to ask questions and add your voice to the larger Visioning conversation.

The fourth and final ***Visioning on Tap*** is **Sharing the Good News: Marketing Ideas**.

Sharing the good news of the Passionist charism can feel uncomfortable and awkward at times. Where is the line between encouragement and pushiness? How do we get beyond our own shyness to invite others into the life-giving and life-changing Passionist charism? How do we find ease in evangelization? These are the questions and quandaries that we will be exploring during this ***Visioning on Tap***.

Visioning on Tap will be held via Zoom on **Thursday, May 13** at the following times:

- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Pacific;
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Central; and
- 7:00 pm – 8:00, Eastern.

The session will also be repeated on **Tuesday May 18** at these times:

- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Pacific;
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Central; and
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Eastern.

Here are the Zoom links for you:

- For Thursday, May 13: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84396701792>
- For Tuesday, May 18: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88491418422>