



Holy Cross Province News

July 2021

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Jim Strommer

Ordinations

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Updates...

- Joe Moons, CP, will be at St. Paul of the Cross Community in Detroit, Michigan, for Visitation, July 7-14.
- Please join us in celebrating and praying for Phillip Donlan, CP, as he makes his Profession of Final Vows at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., ET.
- St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center is hosting its 34th Annual Golf Classic on Thursday, July 29, 2021. For more information, visit [St. Paul's website](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE!!** The Passionist Alumni Council is planning an all-class reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, October 8-10, 2021. Plans are still tentative. A final decision will be made in July regarding the safety of holding the reunion in person. If you are interested in the reunion, other Alumni Association plans and activities, or receiving the quarterly newsletter, [please click here](#) to join the email list.

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope,
pray for us.*

LOOKING FORWARD...

July 4
Independence Day (USA)

July 6
Feast of St. Maria Goretti

July 9
Mary, Mother of Holy Hope

July 24
Blessed Nicéforo Díez Tejerina, CP,
and his 25 martyr companions of
Daimiel during the Spanish
Civil War



Let it Rain...

Tom Scherf, maintenance genius, and Mike Hayes, a committed volunteer at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan, built a rain barrel that collects the water from one of the roof downspouts. The collected rain is used to water the plants that cannot be watered by the sprinkler system.

Many thanks to Tom and Mike for creating a sustainable way to collect, save and repurpose water.



CTU Summer Institute...

David Colhour, CP, John Schork, CP, and Don Webber, CP, organized the 2021 Catholic Theological Union (CTU) Summer Institute and Passionist Formation Program, June 21-25. Eleven people from across the Province participated via Zoom videoconferencing.

In the morning, the participants attended class with Don Senior, CP, through the CTU conference connection. Don's class, *Paul the Apostle for the Twenty-first Century*, was a study of Paul's theology with an emphasis on the death and resurrection of Christ, the patterns in early Christian communities and Paul's vision of humanity and creation redeemed.

In the afternoon, Jack Conley, CP, gave three presentations for the Passionist Formation sessions using Zoom. Jack's sessions centered on Pope Francis' book, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future (A Time To See, A Time to Choose and A Time to Act)*.



From top left (l-r): Lissa Romell, CP, Chicago, IL;
 Don Webber, CP, Chicago, IL; David Colhour, CP, Chicago, IL;
 Sandra Arnould, Detroit, MI; Talib Huff, Citrus Heights, CA;
 John Schork, CP, Chicago, IL; Deacon James Anderson, Houston, TX;
 Julia Senn-Reeves, Louisville, KY; Angela Kwasinski, Park Ridge, IL;
 Natalie Svistoonoff, Citrus Heights, CA; Toby Tabaczynski, Detroit, MI;
 Lori Kananen, Houston, TX; Cathy Adamkiewicz, Detroit, MI;
 and Sandra Sierra, Houston, TX.

Province Assembly...

The Passionist Family gathered June 8-9 for the annual Province Assembly via Zoom videoconferencing. All the presentations can be accessed on our website at: <https://passionist.org/assembly/>.

The Assembly opened on Tuesday, with Most Rev. Joachim Rego, CP, who presented the Keynote Address, *Holy Cross Province Passionists Collaborating with Shared Gifts in Keeping Alive the Memory of the Passion*.

On Wednesday, Paul Wadell presented his Keynote Address, *Looking Forward in Faith*.

The Exploratory Commission presented their thoughts and their vision of what future leadership could be.

Many thanks to Tim O'Brien, Ph.D., for facilitating the Assembly, and to the Assembly Planning Committee: Faith Offman; Jim Strommer, CP; David Colhour, CP; Tim O'Brien, Ph.D.; and Keith Zekind, for all their hard work in making this Assembly a Zoomtastic success!



Over 100 participants gathered from across the country.

Happy Father's Day...

The Passionist Community and staff at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center in Houston, Texas, gathered last month for an early Father's Day celebration.

Sitting (clockwise): Antonio Curto, CP (back to camera), Franka Delli Veneri, Vicki Guerra, Martin Alvarez, Cesar Prada, Jose Perez, Kate Mims, Nicholas Divine, CP, Mercedes Luna, Paola Jervis and Ronan Newbold, CP.

Deacon James Anderson was behind the camera!



Sacred Heart Happenings...

Louisville, Kentucky

- Conor Quinn, CP, from the Irish-Scottish Province (PATR), and student at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (CTU), is engaged for the summer in completing his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course requirement at Baptist Health East, in Louisville. Sacred Heart Community are happy to have Conor with them!
- Louisville native, Edward Benson, CR, a Resurrectionist Brother, is living with Sacred Heart Community temporarily. He hopes to be back in Canada once COVID restrictions on entry are relaxed, and after he concludes some matters left pending with the deaths of several of his religious Brothers.



Conor Quinn, CP.



Br. Edward Benson, CR.

On June 11 and June 14, plumbers installed three check valves on the sewer line at Sacred Heart Monastery. The check valves will prevent a back-up and flooding in the monastery basement and protect the new exercise equipment obtained through a grant from Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR).



Plumbers dug the trench to access the underground pipes.



Installing one of the check valves.

Community of Passionist Partners (CPP)... *San Antonio, Texas*

On June 26, the Community of Passionist Partners (CPPs) of San Antonio, Texas, gathered at Dr. Ricardo and Bea Riojas' home for a Mass and a "convivencia," a festive gathering of food and conversation.

The evening began with a bilingual Mass, sharing COVID experiences and the graces we have received, followed by a chicken molé potluck dinner. As the evening ended, the group concluded with their traditional toast of tequila!



The core members of this CPP group have been together for more than 20 years. Over the years, they have welcomed several couples who are predominantly Spanish-speakers.

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

The Retreat Center is open! Along with hosted groups filling up the summer schedule, Christ the King held its weeklong silent retreat, facilitated by Tom Bonacci, CP, onsite in June with full attendance. Next on the calendar is the annual Married Couples retreat weekend, facilitated by Jack Conley, CP, July 16-18. Online Passionist programs continue to be offered at this time.

Christ the King held its annual *Family Fiesta* event onsite on Sunday, June 6, with an outdoor Mass, Mexican lunch and raffle. Mass was held outside in the Marian Grotto, presided by Jack Conley, CP. Over 100 guests attended the event.



Fiesta guests attended Mass held outdoors under the trees.



Longtime retreat center friends and volunteers, Pete and Mary Lopez prepared the delicious Mexican lunch.



Jack Conley, CP, gave a final spin before the Fiesta raffle drawing.
