



Holy Cross Province News

September 2018

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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

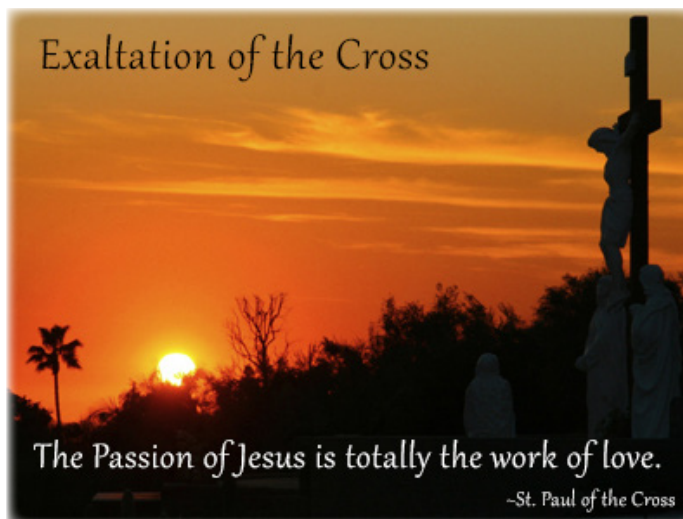
Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

September 24

St. Vincent Strambi, C.P.

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets in Dublin, Texas, September 16-21.
- We extend our sympathy to the Japanese Vice Province on the death of Gus Kunii. Gus died Sunday, August 19, in Japan. He was the first native Japanese to become a Passionist. Gus joined the novitiate class that included Blaise Czaja, Ken O'Malley, Justin Bartoszek and Joe Van Leeuwen. He spent three years of Philosophy and two years of Theology with them. Rest in peace, Gus.
- Please keep Craig Franklin in your prayers. Craig is a Passionist Alumnus and will begin treatment for cancer. God bless you, Craig!
- The Fall semester at Catholic Theological Union begins September 4. We wish our professed students, Nicholas Divine and Phillip Donlan, and Passionist faculty, Don Senior, Robin Ryan and Enno Dango, an enriching and successful semester!
- Faculty and staff welcomed back Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School students on Monday, August 6, for the first day of the 2018-2019 school year. President Fr. Jon Chalmers led everyone in prayer and Principal Mrs. Bethany Knighten introduced herself to the student body. Students and teachers then went straight to work, with a full day of classes. Best of luck to all students and faculty for a great school year!
- Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham, Alabama, was recently featured in Alabama News Center website: *Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School is an Alabama Bright Light*. [Click here](#) to read the article and watch the video. Congratulations HFCRCHS!



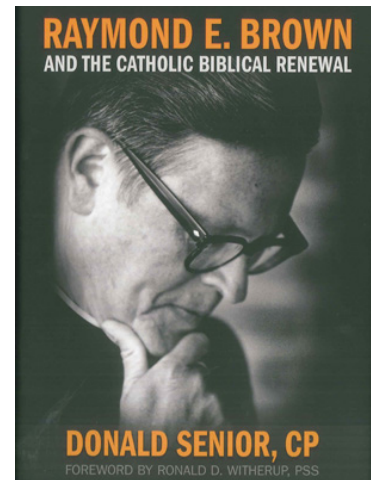
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Photo Ops...

Don Senior's new book, *Raymond E. Brown and the Catholic Biblical Renewal*, is now available.

Don has "written a comprehensive, analytical and critical, and deeply appreciative biography of one of greatest biblical scholars of the 20th century that locates him within the sweep and drama of the Catholic biblical renewal, especially in the United States." ~Paulist Press

The book is available on the [Paulist Press website](#).



Mater Dolorosa Community and friends helped Clemente Barrón celebrate his 75th birthday on August 6.

Pictured (l-r) sitting: Jeffries Foale (Holy Spirit Province), Mavi Alfaro, CFP, and Mike Higgins. Standing: John Rockenbach, Clemente and Michael Cunningham.



During his stay with Holy Name Community in Houston, Paul Hata (Vice Province of Japanese Martyrs) had the opportunity to accompany Ronan Newbold to the [Magnificat House](#) in Houston.

For 50 years, Magnificat Houses have provided men and women an alternative to living on the streets, offering shelter, meals, community and guidance to residents as they strive toward a brighter future.

At right: Paul Hata celebrates Mass in the chapel at Magnificat House.



Vocations...

Every year, the Serra Club of Houston sponsors a retreat for young people, 18-35 years old, who are seriously considering a vocation to become a diocesan priest or a religious sister, priest or brother. This year the retreat took place July 27-29 at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, Texas.

Small group discussions included a sister and priest who explained their ways of life and ministry, and questions were answered about today's diocesan priesthood and religious life.



Ronan Newbold (far right) in one of the small groups of the retreat participants.



Phillip Donlan (second from left), three sisters and a diocesan seminarian shared their vocation stories with the group.

Ronan Newbold celebrated the opening Mass on August 26 for the the Texas A&M University Newman Center. This area of the campus is centered around the study of marine life in the Gulf, and the logistics of shipping over the seas.



Let the Rains Begin...

The grounds at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan are now enhanced with a 700 square foot rain garden! Through its partnership with Friends of the Rouge River and the Sierra Club, St. Paul's received funding for this project. The groups also provided volunteer help to assist St. Paul's volunteers with the installation. As a result of this project, St. Paul's will benefit in several ways:

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- Rain falling onto the adjacent rooftops will feed the garden, keeping the water out of storm drains;
- The garden will offer a beautiful view from the surrounding guest rooms; and
- It is a source for a credit toward the water bill drainage charge.



Volunteers work together to build the garden.



The trench was dug to lay the hose so that water can flow from the downspout to the garden.



Many thanks to all of the volunteers for their effort and hard work!