



Holy Cross Province News

December 2018

December Birthdays

9 Laurence Finn
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Professions

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20 Christopher Gibson

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets December 10-13 in Park Ridge.
- Be sure to visit our online **Advent Calendar** each day for prayer and quiet reflection as we prepare for Christmas.
- Holy Cross Province Retreat Centers are holding a variety of Advent programs. **Visit their websites** to see what is being offered.
- Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham, Alabama, is holding its annual *REYndeer of Hope* 5K Run on Sunday, December 16, at Cahaba Brewing Company. Runners/walkers of all ages and speeds are welcome. Registration is \$25, and includes a t-shirt, a Cahaba Brew, and a raffle ticket for great prizes. Sign up today **online**, or register at the door.
- The Passionist Alumni Council has created an online form for all alumni to update their contact information, and if they choose, opt-in to receive communications from the Alumni Council. **Click here** to go to the form.

LOOKING FORWARD...

December 8
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9
Blessed Bernard Mary
Silvestrelli

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 25
Nativity of Our Lord



***Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled with
good health, happiness and peace.***

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Congratulations...

Congratulations to Peter Smith and Jacky Rogers who were ordained permanent Deacons on Saturday, December 1, at St. Paul's Cathedral in Birmingham, Alabama. Peter will begin his ministry at St. Mary's Parish in Fairfield, and Jacky will be at Holy Family Parish in Birmingham. Both men were honored with a brunch after Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 2.

(l-r): Peter Smith, Justin Nelson and Jacky Rogers.



(Photo credit: John Carroll Meehan)

We Gather Together...

On Saturday, November 11, the San Antonio Community of Passionist Partners (CPP) gathered at the home of Greg and Marisa Garza. Clemente Barrón gave a presentation on the Community of Passionist Partners. He spoke about the Congregation and structure, including information about the Configuration of Jesus Crucified. Clemente also discussed the priorities that came out of the recent General Chapter in Rome. The group shared a meal and prayed for those who are ill, especially those in the Partners group.



The Sacred Quest...

Cedric Pisegna published his 22nd book about prayer, titled, *The Sacred Quest*. It will be available for purchase at the end of December. For more information, visit Cedric's website: www.frcedric.org.



ALS / PRCB...

Members of the Association of Local Superiors (ALS) and the Province Retreat Center Board (PRCB) gathered in Houston, November 6-8, for their annual meeting.



ALS members (l-r) front: Ken O'Malley, John Schork, Justin Nelson, David Colhour and Joe Moons. Back: John Monzyk, Alan Phillip and Phil Paxton.



ALS and PRCB members during a lunch break. Clockwise from left: Michael Cunningham, David Colhour, Jim Strommer, Jean Bowler, Sandra Arnould, Joe Moons and Phil Paxton.

Korean Martyrs Parish...

In November, parishioners at Korean Martyrs Church in Chicago held their bazaar, selling homemade Korean food and other delicacies to raise funds for the missions. The day was a great success!



Cooked-to-order specialties were made on-site.



Packaged goods like Kimchi and other Korean foods were also available.

75 Years Young...

On Sunday, November 12, St. Mary's Parish in Fairfield, Alabama, celebrated its 75th anniversary! After Mass, a luncheon was held in St. Mary's Social Hall. Many thanks to all who were involved in making this event a success, and to John McCray for the great photos. Congratulations, St. Mary's!



(l-r): Alex Steinmiller, Justin Nelson, Jerry Motherway, Trish Motherway, Walter Henderson and Phil Paxton.



St. Mary's Choir provided wonderful entertainment.



Phil Paxton, who was pastor of St. Mary's for 12 years, offered his remarks at the event.



Wade White and Peter Smith.