



Holy Cross Province News

February 2019

February Birthdays

- 26 Robin Ryan
- 28 Enno Dango

Professions

- 27 Chris Gibson
Tu-Jin Paul Kim

LOOKING FORWARD...

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 27
Feast of St. Gabriel of
Our Lady of Sorrows

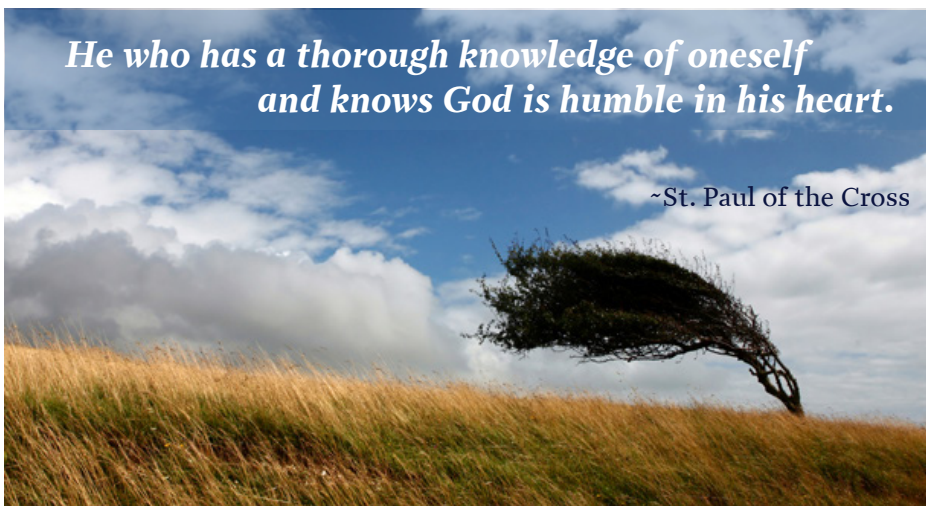
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Updates...

- Please keep the Webber family in your prayers. Kathi Webber, sister of Don Webber, died suddenly on January 24. Funeral services were held February 2 at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno, California. Rest in peace, Kathi.
- The Configuration of Jesus Crucified meeting is being held in Corregidora, Queretaro De Arteaga, Mexico, February 3-8.
- Christopher Jungers has been named President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Christopher is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), and is part of the Donor Relations Office Staff for Holy Cross Province.
- Holy Cross Province is again collaborating with St. Paul of the Cross Province to produce daily video reflections during Lent. The videos, by Jack Conley and Richard Burke, are produced in conjunction with the Office of Mission Effectiveness. More information will be available in the next few weeks.
- Our retreat centers in Holy Cross Province are presenting programs for the Lenten season. For more information, please visit the retreat center websites at passionist.org/retreats.

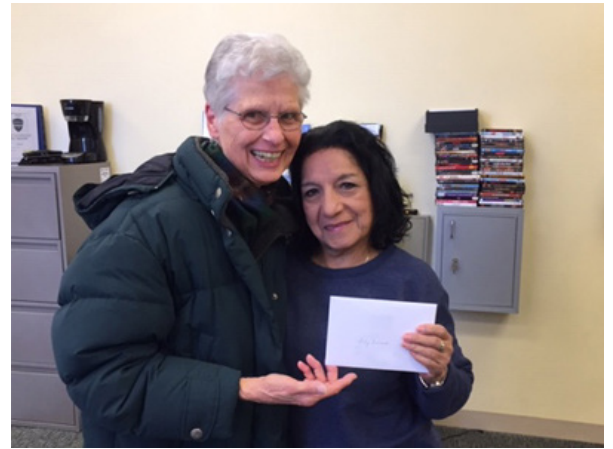
*He who has a thorough knowledge of oneself
and knows God is humble in his heart.*

~St. Paul of the Cross



The Joy of Giving...

During the Christmas season, St. Vincent Strambi Community and staff at the Province Offices in Park Ridge contributed to the annual "Christmas Collection" to benefit a resident in need at *Senior Suites of Norwood Park* (the former monastery on Harlem Avenue). Lily was identified as the recipient of the \$1,000 that was collected. She is very grateful to all who contributed.



Loretta Ciesielski presents Lily with her gift.

Keeping in Touch...

One of the ways Passionist Formation Alumni in Louisville keep in touch is to gather every Monday for breakfast at *Frisch's Big Boy*! John Schork was able to join them during a recent trip to Louisville.

Clockwise (l-r): Dan MacAdam, Jim Aalen, Jim Byrne, Terry McDevitt, John Schork, Charlie Schnell and John Filiatreau. Missing from the group: Frank Cameron.



We Gather Together...

The Tuesday Morning Mass Group at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center.



Final Vows...

David Colhour, John Monzyk and John Schork joined the Passionist Nuns in Whitesville, Kentucky, on January 5, 2019, to celebrate the Final Profession of Vows of Sister Cecilia Maria, CP. Her profession marks the culmination of nine years of initial formation. Congratulations Sister Cecilia Maria! May God bless you in your vocation.

To see more pictures, visit the nuns' website: passionistnuns.org.

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David Colhour and John Schork processing into the chapel.



(l-r): Mother John Mary and Sister Cecilia Maria.

Hispanic Ministry...

The Hispanic Ministry program at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, under direction of Antonio Curto and Cesar Prada, will this year offer for the first time a Spanish Couples Retreat. This first retreat of its kind at Holy Name will be led by a group of couples who have more than 20 years of pastoral experience and who have been in training for more than six months to facilitate this retreat.

A new initiative started in 2018, *The Eucharistic School Formation*, has had wonderful success. Because of its success, the program will increase this year with an additional section. The goal of this program is to deepen one's understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist throughout history, in light of the Scriptures and within theology.



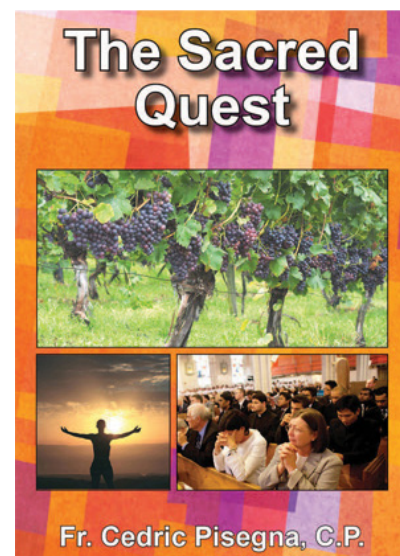
The Program for the Formation of Spiritual Guides continues from semester to semester with new pupils as well as the Days of Reflection, offering reflective and pastoral insights to meet their spiritual needs.

For more information on Hispanic Ministry programs at Holy Name, please visit its [website](#).

Be Sure to Tune in...

Cedric Pisegna will present a 6-part Lenten Mission on EWTN during the upcoming Lent season. The series will air beginning Saturday, March 9 at 11:30 pm ET/ 8:30 pm PT and Sunday March 10 at 2:30 pm ET/ 11:30 am PT.

Cedric's new book, *The Sacred Quest*, about prayer is now available. To order visit Cedric's website: www.frcedric.org.



Howdy from Haiti...

Over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Hugo Esparza-Pérez traveled to Mexico to visit Samuel Joseph, one of the Haitian seminarians, who is currently attending a local university where he is learning Spanish. Samuel is preparing to enter novitiate in Mexico in May. Hugo invited Samuel to visit Hugo's family during the holidays.

The trip also gave Samuel the opportunity to meet some of his extended Mexican Family at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH). Samuel became an orphan at a very early age and he grew up in the Nos Petit Freres et Seoures (NPH Haiti) orphanage that Rick Frechette and Fr. William Wasson founded in Haiti in 1987. For children in the care of NPH, the organization becomes their family.



(l-r): Hugo Esparza-Pérez, his mom and Samuel Joseph.

Hugo and Samuel also visited Cuernavaca, Morelos (South of Mexico City), where NPH was founded and is the hometown of Hugo, too!

Inter-Provincial Council...

The Passionist North American Inter-Council meeting was held January 31 to February 2 in Corregidora, Queretaro De Arteaga, Mexico. In attendance were the Provincial Councils of Cristo Rey (Mexico), St. Paul of the Cross and Holy Cross Provinces. Included as well were Passionist Sisters from the U.S.A. and Mexico and three lay representatives from Mexico. There are 17 Passionist Sisters from Mexico ministering in the territory of Holy Cross Province.



Everyone is gathered as the meeting begins.



Taking a break outside in between meetings.



Inter-Provincial Council group.



Logo created for the gathering.

Pre-Chapter...

On January 15-16, Holy Cross Province held its Pre-Chapter meetings via Zoom videoconferencing. In all, ten locations totaling 70 participants per day, across the Province gathered to discuss the ongoing Visioning process for the Province that began in 2017.

The Province has been using articles written by Mark Clarke of *CommunityWorks, Inc.*, to complement the Visioning Process, and was fortunate to have Mark present at the meetings for both days.

Additionally, each of the five Working Groups, *Charism, Community, Collaboration, Outreach* and *Preaching*, each presented the work that has been done so far, including the ongoing discussions on how vowed and lay Passionists can be visionaries to ensure a vibrant future for Holy Cross Province.



The Provincial Council with Anne Kemp (facilitator), Mark Clarke (presenter), and Visioning Commission members Richard Burke and Keith Zekind, gathered in the conference room at the Province Offices in Park Ridge.



The additional group at the Province Offices included (clockwise l-r): Angela Kwasinski, Tu-Jin Paul Kim, Don Webber, Christopher Jungers, Phil Jackson and Claire Smith (behind the camera).



Sacred Heart Community in Louisville hosted a full house for the Pre-Chapter conferencing.

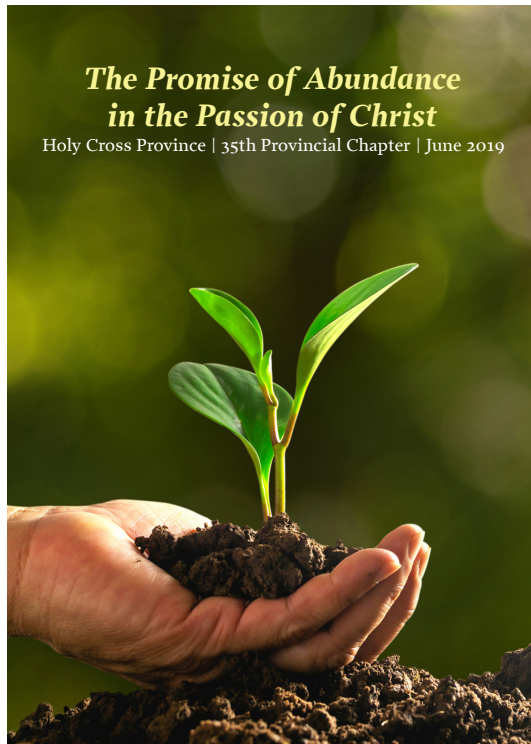


Mark Clarke, Presenter for the Pre-Chapter

CommunityWorks Mission
CommunityWorks engages organizations in creating a breadth of vision, a unity of purpose, and a commitment to take action for social transformation.

Prayer for Chapter...

As Holy Cross Province continues to prepare for its Chapter in June, please join with us in praying our Chapter Prayer.



Loving God,

As we continue our visioning process and move towards our Provincial Chapter,

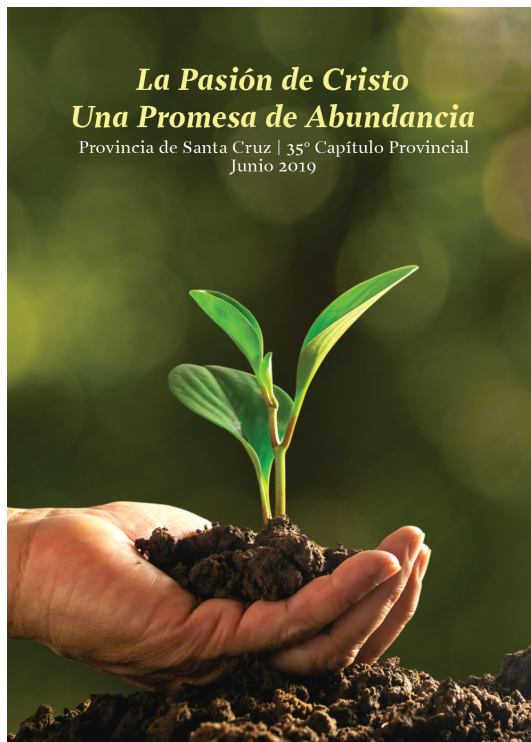
We are made more and more aware of the abundance of the gifts you have given us.

We pray in thanksgiving for the prayers and support of so many people;

We pray in thanksgiving for the generosity of those who have participated in the process;

We ask that You continue to open us up to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, so that our vision may lead us in the direction You would have us go.

We ask this, as always in the name of Jesus and Him Crucified. Amen.



Amoroso Dios,

Mientras continuamos el proceso previsor y se acerca nuestro Capítulo Provincial,

Quedamos más conscientes de la abundancia de dones que Tu nos has dado.

Rezamos en acción de gracias por las oraciones y el apoyo que recibimos de tanta gente;

Agradecemos con nuestras oraciones la generosidad de las personas que han tomado parte en nuestro proceso pre-capitular;

Pedimos que sigamos abiertos a los impulsos del Espíritu Santo para que nuestra vision corresponda a tu santa voluntad.

Lo pedimos, como siempre, en nombre de Jesus, nuestro Señor Crucificado. Amen.