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Updates...

- Please keep Peggy Byrne and her family in your prayers. Peggy, was the wife of one of our Passionist Alumni, Jim Byrne. She died on July 7 in Louisville after battling cancer. Peggy was very close to our Passionists at Sacred Heart Monastery and was known as “the cookie lady.” May she rest in peace.
- Joe Moons attends the CMSM Conference in San Antonio, Texas, August 5-8.
- The Province Review Board met August 3 in Park Ridge.
- The OME Board meets August 21-22 in Park Ridge.
- The Passionist “All Class” Alumni Reunion is August 16-18 at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan. All vowed and lay Passionist Alumni are invited, whether you attended for one semester or stayed all the way through ordination. For more information, visit our [Alumni website](#) or contact Carl DeLage at 313-550-8196, or via email at cdelageo852@gmail.com.
- Our Passionist Retreat Centers are gearing up for a new retreat season. Visit our [website](#) to see their themes for the upcoming weekend retreats.

LOOKING FORWARD...

August 6
Feast of the Transfiguration

August 15
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

August 26
Blessed Dominic Barberi, CP



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Photo Ops...

On Tuesday, July 30, the Provincial Council, St. Vincent Strambi Community and staff at the Province Offices gathered for a luncheon to celebrate the birthdays of John Schork, who turned 70 on July 25, and Joe Moons, who turned 70 on July 26. Best wishes to John and Joe for a great year ahead, and many more birthdays to come!



Frank Keenan's sister, Nancy (l), and his niece, Julie (r), traveled from Minnesota for a weekend visit with Frank to celebrate his birthday.



Congratulations to the Provincial Leadership who were elected at the Chapter for Holy Spirit Province, Australia.

Tom McDonough was re-elected Provincial Superior.

Provincial Consultors:

Denis Travers, First Consultor;
Brendan Connell, Second Consultor;
Brian Traynor, Third Consultor; and
Christopher Monaghan, Fourth Consultor.



(l-r): Chris Monaghan, Denis Travers, Joachim Rego, Tom McDonough, Brendan Connell and Brian Traynor.

More Photo Ops...

On June 1, during his visit to Chicago, Ronan Newbold offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception Church (IC) to celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ordination. Ronan served as Associate Pastor at IC for almost ten years. A reception was held in the rectory after Mass. Congratulations Ronan!



Parish sign in front of church.



Ronan celebrating Mass.

Cedric Pisegna will present a five-episode series on the Holy Spirit. The series will air on ETWN, August 26-30, at 5:30 p.m., ET.



San Antonio Community of Passionist Partners gathered for their regular meeting on July 21.



Rest in Peace...

When the Passionist Monastery in Detroit was sold, an agreement with the new owners allowed us to keep the cemetery on the property. Now that the monastery building is up for sale again, the decision was made to move the graves to nearby Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. Many thanks to Phil Paxton, Matt Greenough and Keith Zekind for working to get our brethren to their new final resting place.



Crews remove a headstone from the Passionist cemetery for transport to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



The Passionist plot at Holy Sepulchre.

On July 15, the remains of Jim Thoman were transferred from Detroit to the Passionist cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. Jim's mother, Mary, and his sister, Jane Sanders, traveled from Cincinnati to join the Community for Jim's re-interment.



Jane blesses the vault holding Jim's remains with holy water. Bob Weiss; Jim's mother, Mary; Sebastian MacDonald and John Monzyk look on.

*Rest in the heart
of God,
in a silence of
faith and love.*

-St. Paul of the Cross

Life Keeps Moving..

Life at Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville, Kentucky, keeps moving:

- Our Passionists participate in a weekly exercise class.
- John Monzyk had a “gutter cam” installed to monitor the building’s exterior to ensure rain water drains properly.
- The community is preparing to welcome new resident, Ken O’Malley, this month.



Kurt Wernert, John Monzyk and Chris Gibson participate in the weekly exercise class led by Lisa Groft.



A worker installs the “gutter cam” on to Sacred Heart Monastery.

Holy Name Community and retreat center staff held a birthday party for Joe Barbieri and a farewell party for Ken O’Malley as he prepares to move to Louisville.



Ken O’Malley in his almost empty office.



(l-r): Ken and Joe Barbieri cut the cake at their party. That cake looks delicious!

FORE...

On Wednesday, July 24, St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan, held its 33rd Annual Golf Classic. More than 110 golfers participated at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton, Michigan. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners! Many thanks to all of the participants, St. Paul's Golf Committee and all who worked tirelessly to make the day a success!



Off they go!



Congratulations to Mike Coliton
who shot a hole-in-one!

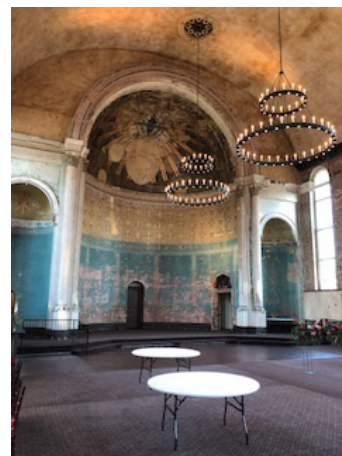
(l-r): Phil Paxton, Mike Coliton and Pat Brennan.

Mount Adams...

During a recent trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, Alan Phillip had the opportunity to visit the former Holy Cross Church that was once staffed by Passionists. The church has been converted into a banquet hall.



Holy Cross Church.



The inside of the church has been
transformed into a banquet hall.

St. Ann's Novena...

From July 17-26, St. Ann's Basilica and Shrine in Scranton, Pennsylvania, welcomed thousands of faithful worshippers for the 95th Annual St. Ann's Novena. Rick Frechette and Jack Conley teamed up as the preachers for the entire novena. Five Masses were celebrated each day outside, weather permitting. Despite some inclement weather, rarely was there an empty seat. God bless all who made this year's novena another success. John Schork, Justin Nelson and Febin Barose also went to St. Ann's to help out with Masses, confessions and blessings.



Rick Frechette preaches during one of the Masses.



On July 22, rainstorms forced the novena attendees inside where Jack Conley preached at the Masses.



Richard Burke and John Schork celebrating Mass.



Justin Nelson celebrated Mass in the Tamil language.

Health and Wellness Corner...

The Province Health and Aging Advisory Board (PHAAB) will be having regular submissions to the Province Newsletter to encourage, support and celebrate healthy living for all of those in the Passionist Family. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Kurt Wernert at brokurt1995@gmail.com.

Ministry Moment...

Life changes as we age. For many of us, these changes signify a letting go of activities that have been personally important. The Ministry Moment at Sacred Heart Retreat will highlight how even in “retirement,” ministries continue.

In June 2019, Simon Herbers transitioned to Nazareth Home next door to Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville. Since his transition, Simon has continued his ministry through personal letter writing, development of the next edition of his newsletter, *Think Life*, and communal prayer with other priests at the facility. In addition, Simon regularly joins the community at Sacred Heart Monastery for liturgy and a meal.

Recently, Simon, along with other priests residing at Nazareth Home, were recognized in the Archdiocese of Louisville publication, *The Record*, for being “powerhouses of prayer.” The full article is available [here](#).

Thank you, Simon, for your continued dedication and ministry to the crucified of today.



(l-r): Al Wilson, Joe Voor, James Wuerth and Simon Herbers at Nazareth Home on Newburg Road. (Record Photo by Jessica Able)

Health & Well-Being Education Tidbit

Maintaining an active lifestyle is important. As we age, this is particularly important to reduce the risk for a catastrophic fall. Exercises that build endurance, strength, balance and flexibility are important to improving health and reducing risk. The National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institute of Health (NIH) has developed several resources that serve as an exercise guide. They may be accessed below.

Exercise & Physical Activity: Your Everyday Guide

Workout to Go: A Sample Exercise Routine from the National Institute of Aging at NIH

