



Holy Cross Province News

September 2020

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Birthdays

- 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, CP

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Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets via Zoom videoconferencing, September 22-24.
- Nicholas Divine, CP, will be ordained a transitional Deacon on Saturday, September 26. Our best wishes and prayers for Nicholas as he takes this important step in his religious vocation.
- On October 3, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California, is holding its 17th Annual Harvest on the Hill as a virtual celebration. This year's theme is *Abundance*: "Even in these challenging times, we have much to be grateful for and we are eager to share this with you!" For more information, visit Mater Dolorosa's [website](#).
- Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center will host an eight-week online retreat, *Draw Near to Me*, October 20 - December 15, 2020. The retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and is designed to assist in deepening your prayer life and strengthening your relationship with the Lord through personal prayer. For more information and to register, visit Holy Name's [website](#).

Prayers, please...

Please keep the following Passionist Family members in your prayers:

- Joe Moons, CP, and the entire Moons family. Joe's brother, Tom, died on August 9.
- Mario Salgado, father of Marta Salgado-Nino, who is seriously ill.



The Power of Prayer...

The power of prayer is strong! Please keep the prayers coming for Ken Schmitt. Ken is one of our beloved Passionist Family members who was diagnosed with COVID-19 recently. After a brief stay at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Ken is receiving care through home visits by medical personnel.

Photo: Ken Schmitt (l) at home with one of the visiting medical workers.



There is a Solution...

Cedric Pisegna, CP's new book, *There is a Solution*, about addictions and recovery has been published.

For more information, visit [Cedric's website](#).

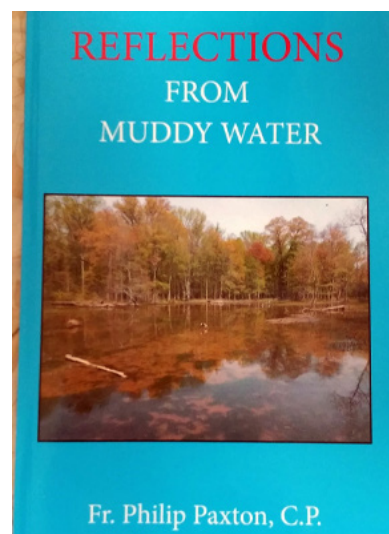
His three episode series, *There is a Solution*, about addictions and recovery will air on EWTN, Tuesday- Thursday, September 22-24 at 5:30 p.m., ET.



Reflections from Muddy Water...

Phil Paxton, CP, has published a new book, *Reflections from Muddy Water*. The book is a collection of personal reflections on the Scriptures, centered around three themes: Little Things Mean a Lot, Going Beyond and For Us or Against Us.

For more information or to order your copy, please email Phil at ppaxton@passionist.org.



Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

The Passionist Earth & Spirit Center is offering a variety of online classes, via Zoom, beginning in September. Registration is open now for the following classes below. Click on the class title for more information and to register:

Class begins September 14:

[Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation](#)

The following classes in the Addressing Racism Series begin September 15:

[Racial Healing](#)

[Racial Equity](#)

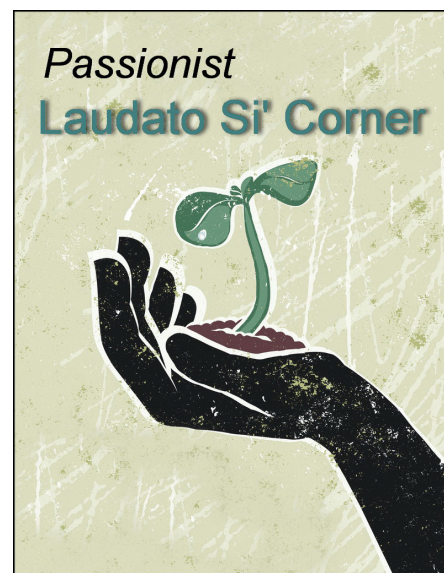


Laudato Sí Corner...

A healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change.
-Laudato Sí, Paragraph 218.

Following the guidance of Pope Francis, the Laudato Sí Vision Fulfillment Team has compiled a webliography. The webliography is a living resource document, updated regularly with books and websites and other information that offer encouragement and insight into Integral Ecology - how we are all interrelated.

[Click here](#) for the webliography.



St. Vincent Strambi Community at CTU...

Robin Ryan, CP, a faculty member at Catholic Theological Union (CTU), and member of St. Vincent Strambi Community in Chicago, Illinois, celebrated his 40th anniversary of religious profession on August 30, 2020.

Robin was professed with his classmate, Jack Connor, CP, at the end of their novitiate year in 1980. Following ordination, Robin did his doctoral studies at Catholic University of America and has served both in Administration and Education for St. Paul of the Cross Province.

Robin led the Sunday Mass Liturgy on his anniversary, and notwithstanding his request for a “low key” celebration at the community supper, John Schork, CP’s grill turned out some great hamburgers for the occasion.



Robin Ryan, CP.

The student membership of St. Vincent Strambi Community has returned to full size at the beginning of the 2020 school year at CTU. Students Soohoon Hur and Conor Quinn returned from a short visit to our Sacred Heart Community in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pictured here are the other two CTU students who have arrived in the community and completed their quarantine period:

- Phillip Donlan, CP, a third-year theology student, spent the summer in his required Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. It was conducted in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Cristian Martinez Montalvo, CP, is the newest member of St. Vincent Strambi Community. He completed initial theology studies at the Passionist Formation House in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and will now complete his studies at CTU.

Prayers and best wishes to our students at St. Vincent Strambi Community.



(l-r) Phillip Donlan, CP, and Cristian Martinez Montalvo, CP.

Eagle Scouts Brighten Retreat Center Grounds...

God bless the Eagle Scouts! To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, among other requirements, a service project which exhibits the Scout's leadership must be planned, approved and executed for the benefit of a religious institution, any school or one's own community. Typically the project will include seeking project approval, planning, funding and securing volunteers to help and complete execution of it. We, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center, have been extremely blessed to be the recipients of such projects throughout the past several years. Each of the Scouts have been outstanding young men (high school age), and we have been thoroughly impressed with the bridge replacement, shed overhaul, garden installations and building of outdoor benches. We are extremely grateful for their service to us!

