



Holy Cross Province News

February 2021

February Birthdays

26 Robin Ryan
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Professions

27 Chris Gibson
Tu-Jin Paul Kim

LOOKING FORWARD...

February 14
Valentine's Day

February 17
Ash Wednesday

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

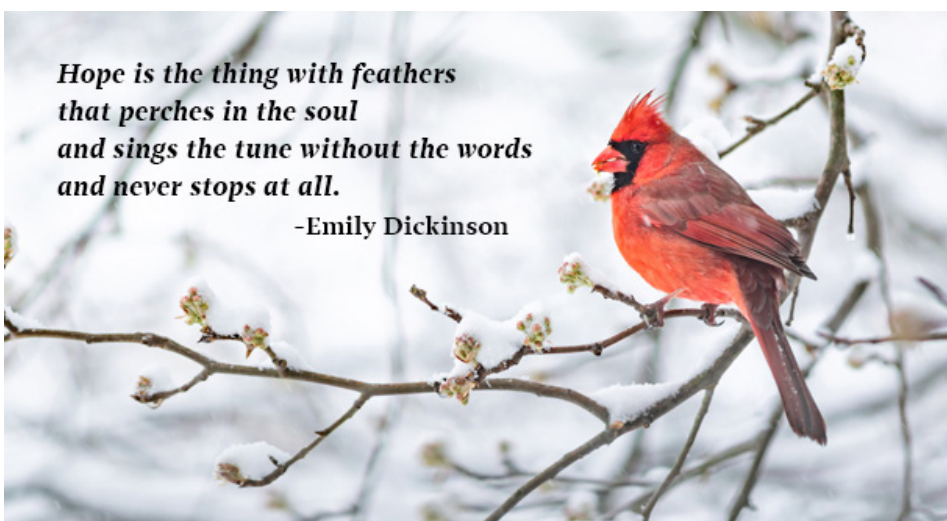
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Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets February 2-4 via Zoom.
- Mark your calendar! Nicholas Divine, CP, will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, March 7 at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center in Houston, Texas. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Congratulations Nicholas!
- Holy Cross Province is collaborating with St. Paul of the Cross Province and the Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville, Kentucky, to produce daily video reflections during Lent.

The videos, by lay and vowed members of our Passionist Family, are produced in conjunction with the Office of Mission Effectiveness. More information will be available soon.

- 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.
- Elizabeth Prout, CP, (Mother Mary Joseph) has been declared Venerable by Pope Francis. More information from John Kearns, CP, Provincial, St. Joseph's Province is available [here](#).



The Joy of Giving...

During the Christmas season, St. Vincent Strambi Community and staff at the Province Offices in Park Ridge, Illinois, contributed to the annual “Christmas Collection” to benefit a resident in need at *Senior Suites of Norwood Park* (the former monastery on Harlem Avenue). Janice was identified as the recipient of the \$1,000 that was collected. She said she will be forever grateful and will pray for all of us.



(l-r): Loretta Ciesielski presented Janice with her gift and a celebratory elbow bump!

#1 on the Charts...

Frank Keenan, CP, is the oldest vowed member of Holy Cross Province. He was born in Chicago on July 18, 1933, professed first vows in 1954 and was ordained in 1961.

He has served in many positions and many locations, mostly in the Chicago area. His longest ministry was at Lutheran General Hospital as chaplain for over forty years. Frank continues to reside at St. Benedict Nursing Home, where he offers pastoral care when requested. He successfully managed two cases of COVID-19 with no symptoms and now has his two vaccinations. At 88 years of age this year, he is ready to go for many more years. Congratulations, Frank!



Father Cedric Ministries...

Cedric Pisegna, CP, will be on EWTN several times during the month of February.

He will be interviewed on the program, *At Home with Jim & Joy*:

- Wednesday, February 10, at 1:30 p.m., EST.
Rebroadcast on Saturday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m., EST.
- Thursday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m., EST.
Rebroadcast on Sunday, February 14, at 11:00 a.m., EST.
- Cedric will present *Real Life/Real Issues*. The series will air at 5:30 p.m., EST, Monday, February 15 through Friday, February 19.
- Cedric's Lenten Series begins Saturday, February 20, and will air every Saturday during Lent at 5:00 p.m., ET.



Sacred Heart Monastery...

Thanks to a generous grant from Support our Aging Religious (SOAR!), Sacred Heart Monastery was able to purchase professional quality exercise equipment for our Passionists to work out. Many thanks to Gary Thim, who worked very hard to provide our men with a great environment and safe workout space.

In another bit of good news, the community was able to visit with Richard Parks, CP, via Zoom.



Sacred Heart Community had the opportunity for a Zoom chat with Richard Parks, CP, who lives at Nazareth Home, Clifton, Kentucky.



John Monzyk, CP, and Chris Gibson, CP, try out the new equipment.



The equipment is set up in the new Sacred Heart Fitness Center, formerly known as the monastery basement.



The TV and computer station allow for a second Zoom studio. Each week, Lisa, the community's trainer, leads the men in exercise class via Zoom.

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center continues to offer all programs online at this time. The much anticipated 2021 Weekend Retreat season has moved to an online format.

Other pre-recorded digital offerings include a six-week series: *Epiphany to Ash Wednesday*, which began in January. The series is presented by Jack Conley, CP, and Tom Bonacci, CP.

The Winter Series of The Institute for the Study of the Passion will begin February 4 with a focus on the Gospel of Mark.

The weekly Thursday Community Mass continues to be held online.

For more information on these programs and how to access them, please visit Christ the King's [website](#), or call the retreat center at 916-725-4720.

Christ the King collaborated with Holy Family St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Christ the King Ladies Guild in organizing and providing Christmas food boxes for several families in December. Food was donated by the Ladies Guild, Christ the King staff and members of the community. Christ the King was the pickup location.



(l-r): Holy Family St. Vincent DePaul volunteers Chris Swars and Chris Ornelas with Christ the King's Executive Director, Natalie Svistoonoff.



Christmas food for families staging area.



Chris Ornelas loads food for a family.

Laudato Si' Corner...

The Passion of the Earth:

Weekly Lenten Gatherings for the Passionist Family

Wednesday, February 24 through Good Friday, April 2

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Central Time

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time

Six sessions: the first five sessions will be every Wednesday, February 24 through Wednesday, March 24; our final session will be an *Ecological Way of the Cross* on Good Friday, April 2.

A series of weekly gatherings during Lent are available for the Passionist Family exploring Laudato Si' and the Passion of the Earth as we journey together toward the Passion of our Lord. Each meeting will be grounded in prayer and the Passionist charism, and will make use of a recent series of videos on climate feedback loops. We will connect to issues facing the communities in which Passionists are located (like the drought and fires in CA, the Flint water crisis for Flint/Detroit, etc.). Opportunities to live into Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving will be offered. In our final Holy Week gathering, we will accompany each other on an ecological Stations of the Cross. The series is for the whole Passionist Family and will include individual and small group opportunities for reflection.

Click here to register in advance for these gatherings. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the gatherings.

Image credit: Melanie Weidner, Passion of the Earth Series, <https://listenforjoy.com/>



Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

More Light, Less Heat

How to Start Healing Division Through Dialogue

Four-week course starts February 10, 2021

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., EST.

Are you weary of how heated and ugly our public discourse has become? Do you have relationships where you have to dance around difficult topics or risk an explosion? Do you sometimes wonder if the ideological fault lines in America run too deep to be healed? Is there a way to turn down the heat of our disagreements and seek the light of common ground?

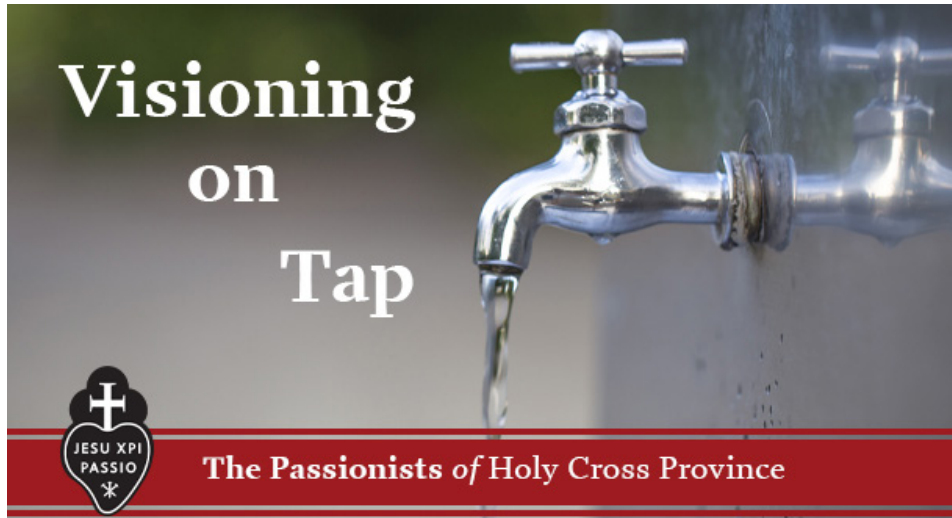
This four-week course introduces you to mindful, compassionate dialogue as a way to overcome divides and do the work of love.

Facilitated by Rev. Joe Phelps, online via Zoom.

Click here for more information and to register.



Visioning on Tap...



Visioning on Tap is an innovative way to engage in The Passionists of Holy Cross Province's Vision Fulfillment Process, as well as consider how the topics to be presented impact your personal life!

Each 60 minute virtual session will include prayer, small and large group conversation and a short presentation highlighting a Vision Fulfillment initiative. It is time for you to ask questions and add your voice to the larger Visioning conversation.

The first **Visioning on Tap** session is Moving toward **Mutuality: Leadership Development**.

Mutuality is an interpersonal dynamic where everyone is respected, authority is shared, and gifts are freely given. Join us and reflect on how you live in mutuality and how the Vision Fulfillment Process is manifesting mutuality in the area of Leadership Development. Tim O'Brien will be our guest speaker.

Visioning on Tap will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 18 at the following times:

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Pacific;
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Central; and
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Eastern.

The session will also be repeated on Tuesday, February 23 at these times:

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Pacific;
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Central; and
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Eastern.

Here are the Zoom links for you:

- For Thursday, February 18: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89083827764>
- For Tuesday, February 23: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83220330735>

Future **Visioning on Tap** dates and topics will be forthcoming.