

IN BETWEEN

Holy Cross Province

May 2021



*Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies, and comfort our hearts.
You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak, and we are fearful.
But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm.
Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5).
And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you,
for you care about us" (cf. 1 Pet 5:7).
Prayer by Pope Francis*

Dear Passionist Family:

With the Lord's help and the pandemic slowly coming under control, we can begin to cast aside our fears and begin to reach out to one another in person as God's Family and as a Passionist Family.

In many ways, it will be a new beginning. God is inviting us to a different world that we left in March 2020. We are all different now, in some ways, because of the pandemic. Jesus, however, is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As I realize the ways we have changed, the Lord still creates a path for us to follow, and it guides us to those we need in our lives and to those who need us in theirs. The Lord will be calling us to heal those who have lost loved ones and to reach out to those who have been isolated.

Particularly for us, we are to invite those who feel disconnected back to their parishes, back to our retreat houses and back to our Passionist Family. The Lord has given us all the strength to move forward with our lives again into a new beginning.



The State of Visioning:

The Vision Fulfillment Process continues to be a source of great energy and creativity. The seeds that were planted at the 2019 Chapter are bearing fruit. The Vision Fulfillment Commission continues to meet monthly. Various Resource Groups that have taken up the Calls to Action are active and producing results. The upcoming Assembly will be a time for us to reflect on the work of visioning and where it is leading us.

I ask for your continued prayers for all those involved in the Vision Fulfillment Process and look forward to being with you at the Assembly via Zoom, June 8 and 9, 2021.

The Exploratory Commission:

This Commission has been formed to examine the current structures of Holy Cross Province and to make recommendations for what is needed to carry us forward into the future. This Commission is very much a part of our Vision Fulfillment Process. Meeting every week since February, the Commission has discerned about structures and leadership. They will present their progress and engage with us as part of the June 2021 Assembly.

Holy Cross Province Summer Institute at CTU:

This year, the Province is sponsoring 14 members of our Passionist Family for an opportunity to enrich themselves in the context of our Passionist charism and mission.

The CTU Summer Institute will be Monday through Friday, June 21-25, 2021 using Zoom technology. In the morning session, attendees will be with Don Senior, C.P., who is teaching *St. Paul's Theology in the Twenty-First Century*. This course will study Paul's theology from the vantage point of reflecting on his unflinching attention to the death and resurrection of Christ as the pattern for human destiny.

In the afternoon, attendees will be with Jack Conley, C.P., who will present three sessions for our Passionist Formation Program centering on three chapters of Pope Francis' book, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*. The focus will be on *A Time to See, A Time to Choose and A Time to Act*. These chapters will be discussed through the lens of our Passionist charism as shared by St. Paul of the Cross.

In the evening, David Colhour, C.P., will lead the attendees on a reflection of their day. The overall program will be coordinated by Don Webber, C.P., John Schork, C.P., and David Colhour, C.P.

The participants are:

- Toby Tabaczynski, Sandra Arnould and Cathy Adamkiewicz from St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center.
- James Anderson, Sandra Sierra and Lori Kananen from Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center.
- Natalie Svistoonoff and Talib Huff from Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center.
- Griena Knight Davis from Holy Family Academy.
- Angela Kwasinski and Elizabeth Velarde from the Province Offices.
- Mike Owens from the Alumni Association.
- Lissa Romell from St. Vincent Strambi Community.
- Julia Senn-Reeves from Sacred Heart Community.

Phillip Donlan, C.P.'s Final Profession:

Phillip Donlan, C.P., has continued his studies at Catholic Theological Union and as a member of St. Vincent Strambi Community. Phillip, with the support of his local community, approval of the Provincial Council and God's help, will be making his final vows on July 11, 2021, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, MI. Let us support Phillip, as he follows in the footsteps of St. Paul of the Cross.

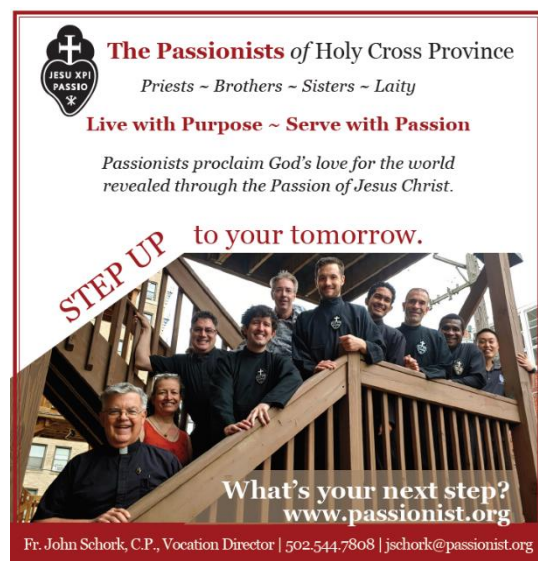
We continue to pray for Phillip, as he makes this further commitment to his calling from God, to be a member of our Passionist Community.

During the summer months, Phillip will be involved in the ministry at St. Paul's in Detroit.

Pray and Encourage the Passionist Life:

Encouraging vocations to vowed life and lay ministry continue to be an important way to further our vision and mission as a Passionist Family. Daily, we meet people who may be called to join in our vocation as a Passionist. I offer two encouragements to you. First, pray daily for vocations. Secondly, continue to identify and reach out to those who may be called to further our Passionist mission in Holy Cross Province.

If the Lord places someone in your life who is interested in further exploring Passionist life and ministry, please have them contact our Province Vocation Director, John Schork, C.P., at jschork@passionist.org. He lives at St. Vincent Strambi Community in Chicago and promotes vocations to Passionist life for lay and vowed, women and men. We also have a variety of vocation resources on our website, www.passionist.org.



Provincial Visitation 2021:

Many of the vowed communities have already finished the annual Praesidium Workshop for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and have sent me their signed sheets. Thank you.

With most of our vowed community members vaccinated, I look forward to meeting in person again during my Provincial Visitation. Here is the calendar for visitation:

- Sacred Heart Community, Louisville, June 17-24, 2021.
- St. Paul of the Cross Community, Detroit, July 8-13, 2021.
- Mater Dolorosa Community, Sierra Madre, August 9-12, 2021.
- Holy Name Community, Houston, August 22-27, 2021.
- Holy Family Community, Birmingham, September 1-5, 2021.
- St. Vincent Strambi Community, Chicago, October 13-21, 2021.
- Christ the King Community, Citrus Heights, TBD summer 2021.

Upcoming Events:

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| • May 11-13, 2021 | Provincial Council Meeting, via Zoom. |
| • June 8-9, 2021 | Province Assembly, via Zoom. |
| • June 21-25, 2021 | Province Summer Institute at CTU, via Zoom. |
| • June 29-30, 2021 | Provincial Council Meeting, via Zoom. |
| • July 11, 2021 | Final Profession of Phillip Donlan, C.P., Detroit, MI. |

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- October 4-6, 2021 Inter-Council Meeting of North American Passionists, via Zoom, sponsored by St. Paul of the Cross Province.
 - September 8-21, 2022 Passionist Congregation General Synod, Rome, Italy.
 - September 22-24, 2022 Configuration of Jesus Crucified Meeting, Rome, Italy.

Conclusion:

As we enter the summer months, I pray that you have time and are able to visit your family and friends, as well as travel to your favorite places.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

God bless,



Joe Moons, C.P.
Provincial Superior

“May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts”

