

# IN BETWEEN

**Holy Cross Province**  
**July 2021**



## *A Prayer for Times of Transition*

*God of Love,  
You are with us in every transition and change.  
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love.  
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.  
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.  
We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.  
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.  
We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen*

--Joseph P. Shadle

Dear Passionist Family:

It is a time of transition. Slowly, grandparents can hug their grandchildren again. Sons and daughters can connect with their parents and loved ones. Friends can finally come together after such a long time. Yes, families and friends are now able to celebrate the significant events of their lives. In fact, I have two family weddings coming this fall. Our own Passionist parish and retreat center ministries, and the opportunity to preach parish missions, are coming back to life.



Together, we are now invited back to worship in the name of Jesus at our parish church, participate in retreats and parish missions, and collectively transition with new graces and energy serving our brothers and sisters in need, the crucified of today. These are sacred moments. These moments of transition are not only associated with the past, but we are challenged to create something new for today and into the future, with the help of God.

These moments are made possible because we have had access to the COVID -19 vaccine. There are so many in the world that are pleading to receive the vaccine but cannot. Countless are still suffering the consequences of the pandemic.

In our own country, over 600,000 have passed because of COVID-19, and millions more have perished throughout the world. Many families have been affected and continue to deal with the loss of their loved ones. Our Passionists from India have felt the loss more than most.

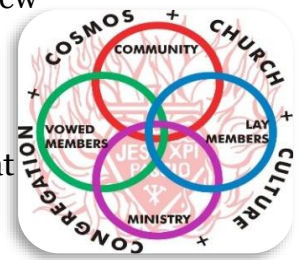
Let us continue to remember all our brothers and sisters affected by the pandemic in our prayers.

## Province Assembly:

Thank you to all who were able to participate in our 2021 Holy Cross Province Assembly. The evaluations were very positive, and the comments were very extensive. I appreciate everyone's investment in preparing for the Assembly and the resulting engagement of the participants during the Assembly.

I also would like to thank Fr. Joachim Rego, C.P., our Superior General, and Paul Wadell for their inspiring presentations. It truly set the tone for our Assembly. Thanks to the Exploratory Commission for their presentation and work in looking at new ways of Province Leadership. The Commission's proposal is a work in progress, but it will assist us in our visioning the future of Holy Cross Province.

One thought I realized while being a part of the Assembly was that we all are contributing to The Passionists of Holy Cross Province story. Thank you, Passionist Family, for being there for each other and to further our mission.



## Laudato Si': Passion of the Earth – Wisdom of the Cross:

As a Passionist Family, we are part of the larger Congregational story that is being told and unfolding. Fr. Joachim Rego, C.P., General Superior, is launching a Passionist Congregational Initiative on *Laudato Si': Passion of the Earth – Wisdom of the Cross*.



This initiative, begun by Pope Francis, is being shared with the entire Congregation and being incorporated into the Passionist story worldwide. It is our privilege to be a part of this larger developing Passionist story.

I have included Lesson #1 with this newsletter. You and your communities and families are invited to gather and share around the issues and opportunities this lesson presents for us in creating a healthy planet for all our brothers and sisters, and especially for the future of the children.

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

Phillip Donlan, C.P., has continued his studies at Catholic Theological Union as a member of St. Vincent Strambi Community. Phillip will be making his final vows on Sunday, July 11, 2021, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, MI. We are hoping to have this celebration available virtually. More information will follow.

Let us support and pray for Phillip as he follows in the footsteps of St. Paul of the Cross. During the summer months, Phillip will be involved in the ministry at St. Paul's in Detroit.

## 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 participation sheets. Thank you.

With most of our vowed community members vaccinated, I look forward meeting in person with them again during my annual Provincial Visitation. I have already visited Sacred Heart Community and Christ the King Community. Here is the schedule for the remainder of my visitations:

- St. Paul of the Cross Community, Detroit, MI, July 8-13, 2021.
- Mater Dolorosa Community, Sierra Madre, CA, August 9-12, 2021.
- Holy Family Community, Birmingham, AL, August 18-24, 2021
- Holy Name Community, Houston, TX, August 24-September 1, 2021.
- St. Vincent Strambi Community, Chicago, IL, October 13-21, 2021.

### **People in Transition:**

- Blaise Czaja, C.P., will become a member of Holy Name Community, Houston, TX, and continue to preach parish missions effective December 1, 2021.
- Bob Weiss, C.P., is recuperating from knee surgery in Nashville, TN. He is making good progress and will be returning to Louisville, KY, to finish his physical therapy Friday, July 2, 2021.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- July 11, 2021 Final Profession of Phillip Donlan, C.P., Detroit, MI.
- August 3-4, 2021 Conference of Major Superiors of Men Convention via Zoom.
- August 17-18, 2021 Provincial Council Meeting via Zoom.
- September 27-30, 2021 Provincial Council Meeting, Dublin, TX.
- 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:**

May you have a blessed, safe and happy 4th of July with friends and family. Let us keep each other in prayer as we continue in this time of transition and visioning.

God bless,



Joe Moons, C.P.  
Provincial Superior

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



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