



# Holy Cross Province News

September 2021

## September

### 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
- 30 Antonio Curto

### LOOKING FORWARD...

#### September 8

Nativity of Mary

#### September 14

Exaltation of the Cross

#### September 15

Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

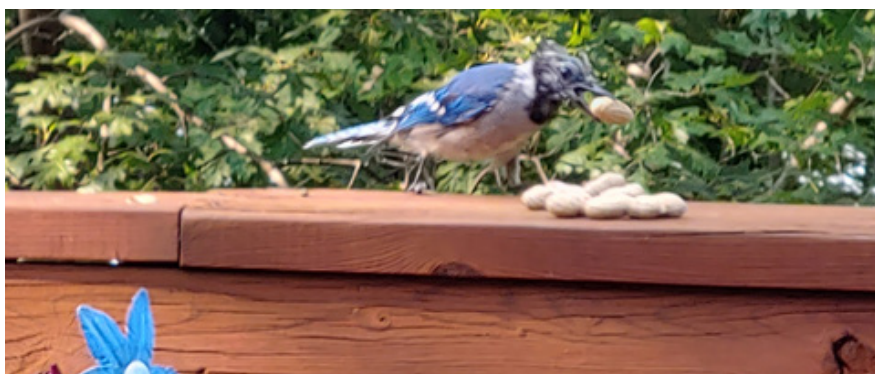
#### September 24

St. Vincent Strambi, CP

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## Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets September 26 - October 1 in Dublin, Texas.
- Seniors at Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School in Birmingham, Alabama, went to their first day of work for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 23. Over the next few weeks, more companies will welcome scholars onsite! Many thanks to all of the 2021-2022 corporate partners for their continued support of the mission of Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School.
- Congratulations to Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School Science Teacher, Ms. Liz Bieri, for receiving a \$5,000 stipend from the Advocate Program to support her classroom efforts in scientific research! The Advocate Program strives to educate and inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators through hands-on research and competition, and supports full representation of all identities in STEM fields. Ms. Bieri will serve as a Lead Advocate overseeing a group of educators, helping to support and guide them through the program.
- Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center will host its annual gala, *Paris at Twilight*, on Saturday, October 2. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center's 3rd Annual Gala is Saturday, October 9. [Click here](#) to visit their website for more information.



Who knew that blue jays love peanuts?

## Passionist Family Formation e-Learning...

Holy Cross Province and St. Paul of the Cross Province are delighted to announce the launch of a new series of educational and formational opportunities for the Passionist Family. Prayer, reflection and study are the central and constant tasks of our formation as Christians.

The first session will be held next Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m., ET, 6:30 p.m., CT, 4:30 p.m., PT.

Passionist Family Formation e-Learning will be a cohesive course of six 90-minute sessions each year, offering a full perspective on scripture, spirituality and Catholic theology. Participants will be asked to commit to the entire set of six sessions. This program will supplement, not replace, any Passionist charism formation activities on the local level.

The sessions will be livestreamed (Zoom) and open to all lay and vowed Passionists of both American Provinces.

Use this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/212095360138148>.

If you have any questions, contact Don Webber, CP, at [pffel2120@passionist.org](mailto:pffel2120@passionist.org).



## Late Night Catechism...



Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California, is hosting its 18th Annual Harvest on the Hill on Saturday, October 23, 2021. For more information, please visit Mater Dolorosa's [website](#).

This year will be a fun evening of interactive theater with "Sister" in the funny and hilarious show *Late Night Catechism*.

The dinner theater, presented by Mater Dolorosa's Annual Harvest on the Hill Fundraiser will be held outdoors. The evening will also include Mass, live auction, and raise your paddle. Tickets are \$125 per person (limited availability). Overnight accommodations are available.

Share the satire and comedy with your family and friends by inviting them to join you at this popular event. You don't want to miss this fun evening in support of Mater Dolorosa!

## Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

- Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center is looking forward to having retreatants onsite for the 2021-2022 Retreat Weekend season. The theme this year is *God's Dream for Our World*. The first retreat will be November 19-21 for Women. Online Passionist programs continue to be offered at this time. For more information or to register, [click here](#).
- Thanks to generous volunteers and donors, projects on the grounds of Christ the King were accomplished in July and August. Volunteers worked to clean out the canal that runs through the grounds of the retreat center, clean up the brush at the front entrance of the retreat center and repair Station #5.
- A Healing Mass, in collaboration with the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Sacramento, was held outdoors in the Marian Grotto on Saturday morning, August 14, 2021. Jack Conley, CP, presided. A ceremony of washing of hands and releasing of doves followed. Over 100 attended the service.



Executive Director, Natalie Svistonoff, and Nicole Zamora (left) of the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services welcome guests to the Healing Mass.



Washing of hands followed the Healing Mass.



Healing Mass participants preparing for the release of doves.

## 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. Click on the class title for more information and to register:

[Free Introduction of Mindfulness Meditation Workshop](#)

[Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation](#)

[Embracing the World We are Given](#)

[Listen, Learn, Act: Finding a Path Forward](#)

[Interfaith Spirituality](#)

[Women, Spirituality, & Social Justice](#)

[Anti-Racism Part One](#)

[Unpacking the Gift of Aging](#)

