



Holy Cross Province News

December 2021

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LOOKING FORWARD...

December 8

Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9

Blessed Bernard Mary
Silvestrelli, CP

December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 25

Nativity of Our Lord

December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

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Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets December 14-16 in Park Ridge, Illinois.
- Be sure to visit our online [Advent Calendar](#) each day for prayer and quiet reflection as we prepare for Christmas.
- Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, California, is hosting an [Advent Day of Prayer](#) on Tuesday, December 7, and a [New Year's Eve Retreat](#) on Thursday, December 31. Click on the program titles for more information and registration.
- St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan, is hosting an [Advent Day of Reflection](#) on Wednesday, December 8, and an [Advent Morning of Reflection ONLINE](#), on Tuesday, December 14. Click on the program titles for more information and to register.
- On Monday, November 8, Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School freshmen scholars took the PSAT standardized test. This test provides scholars with an opportunity to build confidence, choose high school courses and explore a future career. The PSAT provides scholars with an opportunity to practice for the PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT, and the SAT tests. The score report will also show scholars which subjects they excel at and which they may need to focus on more. Plus, it allows scholars to see if they are ready for college-level AP courses in high school. Finally, scholars are able to connect their PSAT test results to Career Finder, a tool that helps scholars to discover careers based on their interests and skill sets.



**Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled with
good health, happiness and peace.**

National Vocation Awareness Week...

Louisville, Kentucky

During National Vocation Awareness Week, November 7-13, Chris Gibson, CP, gave a talk on vocations to the 8th grade class at St. Agnes School in Louisville, Kentucky.

Accompanied by the principal, Ms. Aundrea George, Chris also addressed the entire school to begin the day with a prayer for vocations.



Phoenix, Arizona

Passionist alumnus, Jack Dermody, set up a table to promote Passionist vocations to help kick off National Vocation Awareness Week at his parish in Phoenix, Arizona. Jack received a supply of vocation literature from John Schork, CP, and was able to share his own stories of Passionists during his years of formation as a young man.

Jack currently serves on the Passionist Alumni Council and is the Chair of the Communications Committee for website and newsletter.

Jack Dermody



Passionist vocation literature displayed on the table set up by Jack Dermody.

Faith in Business...

Through the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee, Ken Schmitt was interviewed on Nashville Catholic Radio (NCR) for its *Faith in Business* program.

Watch the interview on [YouTube](#).

As posted by NCR:

Host Ron Flietz talks to the ever-engaging Ken Schmitt, a man who brings his faith directly to the people he helps at Armstrong Relocation (United Vanlines). He [Ken] also shares his wonderful involvement with the Passionists in the Nashville Diocese.



Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

The Passionist Earth & Spirit Center is holding the following classes, beginning in January and February 2022. All courses are listed as Eastern Time.

Med 1 - Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

10-week course, beginning Monday, January 10, 2022
11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

This class is a great entry point for anyone who wants to learn how to meditate. You will learn how to quiet your mind, get your ego in check and live a more fully present life.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



FREE - Listen, Learn, Act

Finding a Path Forward on Education

Begins Tuesday, February 15, 2022
11:00 a.m.

In this second in a series of courses focused on “A Path Forward,” we will look closely at education challenges for Black Louisvillians, and we will clarify the roles of white people as allies in the cause of justice. We will identify actions we can take as individuals and as the Passionist Earth & Spirit Community, to support the implementation of “A Path Forward” and to reverse systems of racial oppression so our community can begin to heal.



Facilitators: Di Kerrigan, Debbi LaPorte, Rev. Joe Phelps, plus weekly guest speakers.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Happy Birthday...

Happy belated birthday to Cristian Martinez Montalvo, CP! St. Vincent Strambi Community celebrated Cristian's birthday, November 26, with a nice dinner and of course, cake!

David Colhour, CP, (standing, right) presented Cristian with his cake. Jonathan Ramos Torres, CP, (standing, left) gave Cristian his card signed by St. Vincent Strambi Community.



Las Posadas...

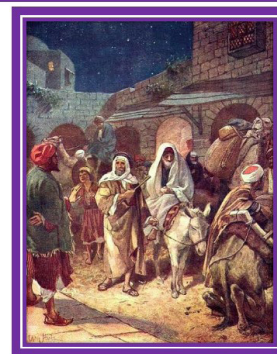
Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center is hosting its annual *Posada* on December 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., PST.

Before the retreat center closed because of the pandemic, over 100 people attended, journeyed together and followed Mary and Joseph as they stopped at a door, asking for hospitality, but only to be turned away. At the end of the journey, Mary and Joseph were welcomed into a home and given a stable to spend the night.

The ritual of the *Posada* concludes with a Piñata, filled with candy and goodies for the children.



Clemente Barrón, CP, Mary and Joseph lead the group during the Posada in 2019.



Acompaña a José y María
buscando Posada

Join Mary and Joseph
Seek Lodging

Centro de Retiros Pasionista
Mater Dolorosa
700 N. Sunnyside Ave
Sierra Madre, California
19 de diciembre, 2021 3 pm



The invitation for the Posada on
December 19, 2021 at Mater Dolorosa.