



Holy Cross Province News

May 2022

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Birthdays

- 15 Patricio Manosalvas
- 20 Conor Quinn
- 21 Bob Crossmyer
- 23 Mike Higgins
- 24 E. John Hilgert

Professions

- 17 Febin Barose
- 18 Vimal Backiyaraj
- 28 Justin Nelson
- Bruno D'Souza

Ordinations

- 3 Vimal Backiyaraj
- 7 Justin Nelson
- 8 Bob Weiss
- 10 Febin Barose
- 16 Mike Higgins
- 21 Bob Crossmyer
- 22 Enno Dango
- 23 Ken O'Malley
- Blaise Czaja
- 24 Richard Thomson
- 26 Don Webber
- Pat Brennan
- Tom Bonacci
- 27 Frank Keenan
- 28 Hugo Esparza-Pérez
- Alfredo Ocampo
- 31 E. John Hilgert

Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets May 17-19, in Park Ridge, Illinois.
- The Spring issue of our Province magazine, *The Passionists*, is now online. It is available [here](#).
- We are blessed with the generosity of our Passionist Family! Thank you! Our recent email asking for funds for Polish Passionists aid to Ukraine raised over \$15,000 in ten days! A generous anonymous benefactor has gifted an additional \$15,000, raising our total to \$30,143. Many thanks to all who gave. Please continue to pray for all of the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. If you would like to contribute, please [donate here](#).
- Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California, is hosting its 16th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, May 23, 2022. For more information, visit Mater Dolorosa's [website](#).
- Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, California, will host its annual Family Fiesta on Sunday, June 5, 2022. For more information, visit Christ the King's [website](#).



St. Gemma Galgani

LOOKING FORWARD...

- May 8**
Mother's Day
- May 16**
Feast of St. Gemma Galgani
- May 29**
Feast of the Ascension
- May 30**
Memorial Day
- May 31**
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayers Please...

Please remember the following Passionist Family members who have died recently:

- William Michael (Mike) Stroude, who died on March 30, 2022. Mike was the brother of Jeanne Warlick, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, California.
- Echols Charles Webb, Jr., who died on April 12, 2022. Echols was the brother of Trudi Webb Stinson, Holy Family Parish, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Lou Lyman, who died on April 24, 2022. Lou was the father of Faith Offman, St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center, Detroit, Michigan.



Holy Cross Province 2022 Assembly...

Save the Dates!

The Passionists: Charism Without Borders is the theme for this year's Province Assembly.

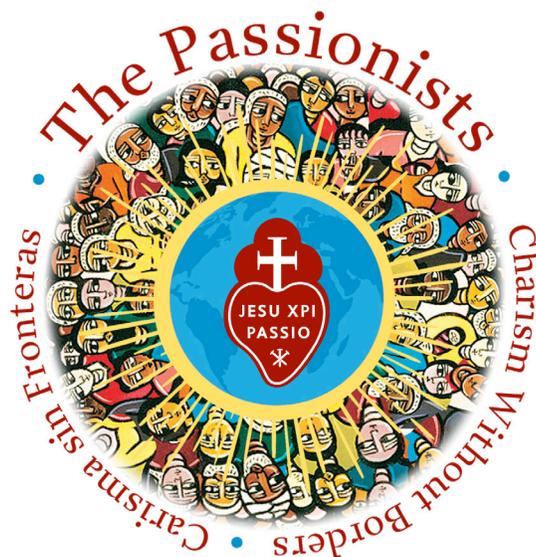
We will gather next month via Zoom:

- Tuesday, June 7
- Wednesday, June 8
- Thursday, June 9

The gatherings will take place from:

- 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern)
- 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Central)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Mountain)
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)

[Click here](#) to register by Friday, May 6.
We hope you can attend!



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Vocations...

Congratulations to Phillip Donlan, CP, who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., EDT, at St. Agnes Parish, Louisville, Kentucky. Bishop Neil Tiedemann, CP, will administer the Rite of Ordination.

The Mass will also be livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

Please keep Phillip in your prayers as he takes this important step in his vocation as a Passionist.



(l-r): Bishop William Perry; Phillip Donlan, CP; Joe Moons, CP; and Phillip's parents, Sue and Jerry Donlan, at Phillip's Diaconate Ordination.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations...

May 8 is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. This special day, also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” invites the Church to publicly pray for and promote vocations to consecrated and ordained life.

While appreciating all vocations of being married, single or priestly/religious, the *World Day of Prayer* affirms the faith and grace needed in generously responding to God’s call to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Prayer for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and charism-centered Passionist life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creatively with a daily ‘YES!’ Amen.

-Adapted from the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) [website](#).

Blessed are the Peacemakers...

Catholic Theological Union (CTU) held its annual *Blessed are the Peacemakers* dinner and awards ceremony on April 27 at the University Club of Chicago. This year's honorees were:

- CTU Young Alumni: “The Future Church Now,” *who serve on the frontline and among the first responders at a time of urgent need.*
- The Simon Family was also honored for “Dedicated Lay Leadership.” *The Simon family is an extraordinary example of what dedicated public service for the common good means. Raymond And Mary, the remarkable parents of seven sons and one daughter, have led the way.*



Clockwise (l-r): Angela Kwasinski;
Margaret Kiraly; Joe Moons, CP;
Mike Kruger and Alfredo Ocampo, CP.



(l-r): Phyllis and Larry Harman,
and John Lillig.



(l-r): Joe Moons, CP; Margaret Kiraly;
John Lillig; and Angela Kwasinski.



(l-r): Alfredo Ocampo, CP; Phillip Donlan, CP;
and David Colhour, CP.

New Vice-Provincial Council...

We wish to congratulate and offer our prayers and support for Paul Cherukoduth Maximus, CP, as Vice-Provincial and his Council as the newly elected leadership of the St. Thomas of the Apostle Vice-Province, India.

May the next four years be a blessing for all their efforts.



St. Thomas the Apostle Vice-Provincial Council.
(l-r): Juan Stanislaus Louis, CP, Third Consultor; Thomas Anamattathil, CP, First Consultor; Paul Cherukoduth, CP, Vice-Provincial; Wilson Victor, CP, Second Consultor; and Jerson Cusher, CP, Fourth Consultor.

A Crane Rises in Chicago...

Passionists at St. Vincent Strambi Community in Chicago got an up-close look at an unusual sight last month. A large crane arrived on Cornell Avenue to do the heavy lifting at a 17-story neighboring building that was replacing an 80-year-old freight elevator.



Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center...

The 2021-2022 Women's and Men's Parish Retreat Weekend season came to an end in April. The retreats were well attended, leaving many retreatants looking forward to next year's theme and schedule.

In May, the retreat center will be hosting the Sacramento Diocese and the Reno Diocese Priests for their annual retreat. Additional hosted groups are scheduled throughout the month.

To prepare for Good Friday's Outdoor Stations of the Cross, Christ the King staff held a volunteer garden day in April to clean up the grounds and several prayer gardens. On Good Friday, Jack Conley, CP, and a couple of volunteers led the prayer for several groups of Christ the King's friends around the Stations.



The garden clean up crew.



Christ the King visitors made the journey through the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Passionist Earth & Spirit Center...

The Passionist Earth & Spirit Center has started new retreat programs for high schools. So far, they have welcomed several Catholic high school groups to its campus.

Over 800 students have been introduced to the Earth & Spirit Center's trails, environmental education, and practices of mindfulness and meditation this school year. Over half of the students have served the land by removing invasive species with instruction by Tim Darst, our naturalist, and his college interns.

The students have learned about community, compassion, empathy, nature, cosmology and our need to be connected to one another. It has been educational, spiritual and fun.

We look forward to more retreats in the fall.



Students participate in one of the activities during the retreat.

Rey of Hope Gala...

Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School held its annual *Rey of Hope* Gala on April 21. The gala is the biggest fundraiser for the school each year.

Many thanks to the school's Corporate Work Study Partners, Funders, Donors, Friends, Volunteers, Board Members and Staff who gathered together to support its mission of empowering students from economically challenged communities to graduate high school and be prepared to persist in college and flourish in life.

The initial totals indicate that over \$730,000 was raised! Congratulations to all who were involved in making this event a resounding success!



The *Rey of Hope* gala packed *The Club*, the venue where it was held.



Joe Moons, CP, Provincial Superior and former pastor of Holy Family Parish in Birmingham, spoke on behalf of The Passionists of Holy Cross Province, the founders of Holy Family High School, now part of the Cristo Rey network of schools.



Bob Weiss, CP, represented the Passionist Community in Birmingham.

A Tree Falls in Houston...

Last month, a large tree on the property of Holy Name Community fell onto a wing of the residence. Thankfully, the room was empty and no one was injured. The tree was extremely rotted on the inside, leaving it vulnerable. Local Superior, John Schork, CP, is working with an arborist to assess other trees on the property for similar rot and vulnerability.

Crews worked to remove the tree and cover the damage until repairs can begin.



A large branch landed on the roof, damaging everything in its way.



The rot inside the tree was significant.



Damage to the building is more visible with the tree out of the way.



Inside, there is major damage to the rafters, walls and window.