



# Holy Cross Province **News**

December 2022

## December Birthdays

9 Laurence Finn  
28 Febin Barose

## Professions

29 Joseph Mitchell

## Ordination

4 Bruno D'Souza  
20 Christopher Gibson

### 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 30**  
Feast of the Holy Family

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## Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets December 13-15 in Park Ridge, Illinois.
- Congratulations to Brooke Coleman, the new Chair of the Board of Directors of Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School (HFCRCHS). Brooke succeeds Dan Sansone, who has served as Chair for the last eight years. Dan has agreed to continue to serve on the Board as Chair Emeritus.
- John Patrick Day, CP, has retired as pastor at St. Andrew Parish in Sparta, Tennessee, and will be moving to Sacred Heart Monastery in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Holy Cross Province is happy to announce two new employees who have joined our Passionist Family:
  - Katie Staunton is the new Donor Relations Associate at the Province Offices in Park Ridge, Illinois. Katie succeeds Karen Redmond who retired last summer.
  - Melanie Goodyear is the new Development Director at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California. Melanie succeeds Jeanne Warlick who retired in November.

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



## Advent Calendar...

You are invited to Our Passionist Advent Journey.  
Visit our daily Advent reflection in any of the following locations:

[Our Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

or to receive a daily text with the Advent reflection,

text **PASSIONISTS** to 43506

*Message and data rates may apply.*



## Advent Evening of Recollection...

You are invited to share in an evening of prayerful reflection of Advent via Zoom as we journey in *The Passionist Way*.

***Fanning Flames of Hope: Advent & The Passionist Way***

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

4:30 pm PST; 5:30 pm MST; 6:30 pm CST; 7:30 pm EST

Join on Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4897358637>



Four members of the Passionist Formation Alumni,

- Terry McDevitt,
- Carl Middleton,
- Father John Schork, CP, and
- Paul Wadell

will guide us through a rich blend of music, prayer, reflections, silence and sharing flowing from our *Passionist Way* document.

**[Click here](#)** to download or print *The Passionist Way* document from our website in preparation for our evening together.

## Rest Easy, Dear Friend...

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Ayers, who passed away Monday, December 5.

Barbara was the nurse in Daneo Hall, the infirmary at the Passionist Monastery in Chicago, for close to 38 years before it was closed in 2009.

When it came to the love and care of our vowed Passionists in Daneo Hall, Barbara was a force to be reckoned with. Whether it was a band-aid for a simple cut, accompanying the men to appointments or offering a peaceful and comforting presence in their last moments, Barbara's joyful spirit brightened even the most difficult days for those in her care.

Barbara had been dealing with a serious health issue since September 2019. Last week, she requested Hospice care knowing that she did not have long.

Please remember her sons, Charlie and Bob and their families, her twin sister, Betty, and brother, John, in your prayers.



Barbara in Daneo Hall in 2003.



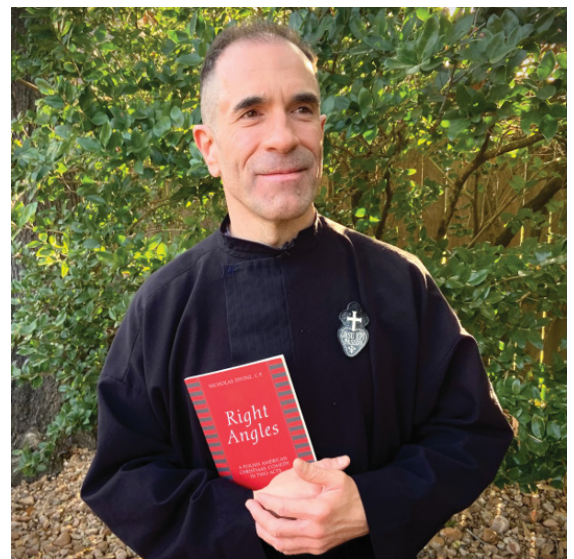
Barbara with Provincial, Joe Moons, CP, at the 2016 Province Assembly when she was honored for her many years of dedicated and compassionate nursing care of our men in the province.

## Right Angles...

Nicholas Divine, CP's, play, *Right Angles*, will be performed December 16-18, to sold-out crowds at the University of St. Thomas' Jones Hall in Houston, Texas.

Written by Nicholas and produced by Apprentice Productions, *Right Angles* is a Polish-American Christmas Comedy that tells the story of the Angielski family gathering for *Wigilia*, the traditional Polish Christmas Eve supper that will make the audience laugh out loud!

Congratulations and best wishes, Nicholas!



Nicholas Divine, CP.

## Rest in Peace, Good and Faithful Servant...

David Colhour, CP, and Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, President of Catholic Theological Union (CTU), led the visitation and funeral services for Don Senior, CP, who died on November 8. Visitation was held Monday, November 14, and the funeral Mass was November 15 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Chicago's South Side. Don was buried in a private service in the Passionist plot at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois. Read more about Don's incredible life on our [website](#).



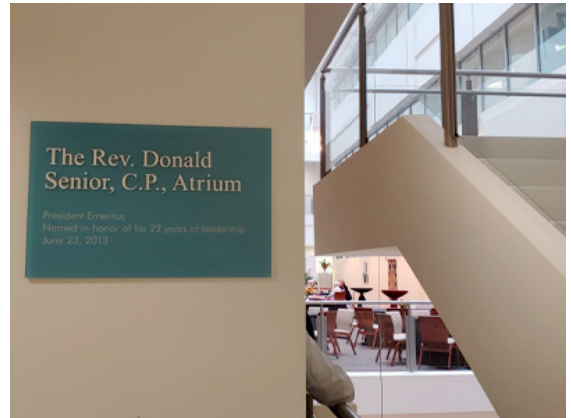
A quiet moment before the funeral Mass.



Provincial, Joe Moons, CP, places the Passionist Sign, Profession Cross, Rule and Constitutions and a stole on Don's casket.



Robin Ryan, CP, preached the homily for Don's funeral.



A reception was held after Mass in the "Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., Atrium" at CTU.



David Colhour, CP, (far left) led the burial service for Don at All Saints Cemetery.