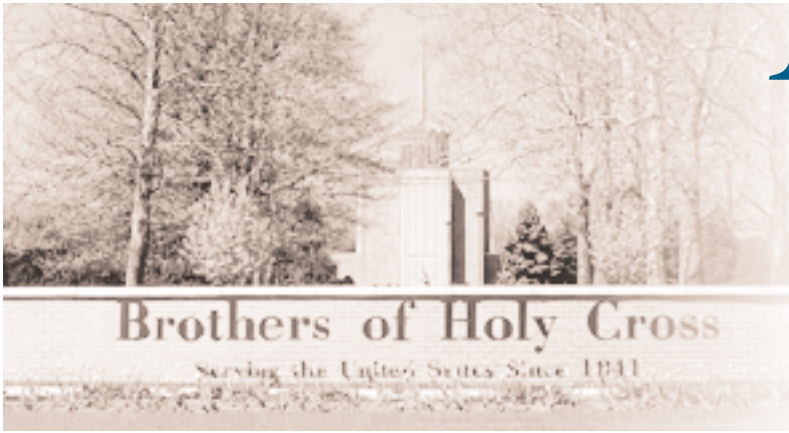


Brothers

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A Life of Fulfillment



Br. Robert Fillmore, C.S.C.
Provincial Superior

In this issue of *Brothers*, you will be inspired by the lives of twenty brothers who are celebrating this year their jubilees of first profession of

vows. Two brothers are celebrating 70 years each as members of the congregation. The others are marking their 60th, 50th and 40th anniversaries of religious profession. Their commitment represents a gift of 990 years of service and dedication to God, to the church and to the people they serve. Through their own words and the words written about them you will see how these men have found meaning and fulfillment in their lives as Brothers of Holy Cross and in their commitment of service to others.

These jubilarians are living testimonies of the viability of the brother's vocation. As they age,

they continue to grow, as did their forefathers in Holy Cross, into a deeper life of faith and a consciousness of a life well lived. They have been blessed by their vocation and we are blessed to have them among us.

You will also read about a new membership drive being initiated by the brothers this year. This effort to attract men to join the Brothers of Holy Cross is based on the recognition that the brother's vocation is indeed a rich way to live out one's faith in God and in service to others. Creative efforts are under way to bring men into contact with the brother's way of life, to enable them to grow in their

understanding of what this life involves and to discern their call in life.

A recent article in *The Observer*, Notre Dame's daily newspaper, mentioned that it is a sad fact that young men are not choosing the brother's vocation even though it is such a fulfilling life. This membership drive is a serious effort on the part of the Brothers of Holy Cross to reverse this trend.

I pray you are inspired by what you discover in these pages.

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BR. JOSEPH WALTER OLSZOWKA, C.S.C.

Born in Chicago on New Year's Eve, 1911, Br. Joseph Walter has retained the scintillating brilliance of mind and heart that fireworks symbolize at the opening of the traditionally hope-filled New Year.

After growing up in the Windy City and joining Holy Cross in 1932, Br. Joseph Walter

did studies certifying him as a teacher of commercial subjects and as a school administrator. He was called on to use both skills several times as he worked as a staff member at the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame, then as a faculty member in schools in New Orleans, La.; Albany, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Lakewood, Ohio; South Bend, Ind.; and River Grove, Ill.

Meticulous in everything he undertakes, his sharp eye and discerning intellect helped keep accounts straight in several of the brothers' houses and schools. Retiring from teaching in 1989, he took up volunteer tasks that included being a sales clerk at O'Hare Airport, a security officer in Chicago and a volunteer at a medical center.



Nearing 93, Br. Joe Walter continues to volunteer in service to others.

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BR. EDGAR PLAS, C.S.C.

Br. Edgar was born on February 18, 1916, and has not ceased in all his 88 years to be of service to the community and in the process to become an exceptionally savvy judge of bargains and of ways to economize. There is



little question that his shrewd handling of business matters enabled more than one of the brothers' schools to avoid serious financial difficulties.

He has a knack for befriending

people, former students or practically strangers, and is much sought after as a living reminder to alumni of the values of a Holy Cross education. Generous with his time and skills, such as photography, he remains busy constantly, always to the advantage of the local house in which he lives.

He joined Holy Cross as a postulant in 1929, largely through the influence of the late Br. Lambert, himself a community legend. Br. Edgar's father had been a teacher, and that encouraged Br. Edgar to follow in his footsteps. From 1938 to 1966 he taught in Fort Wayne, Ind; South Bend, Ind.; Biloxi, Miss.; West Haven, Conn.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Lakewood, Ohio. He was treasurer

at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, but in 1966 he came to the newly built Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, to help in a dozen ways as a staff member. He assisted with the office duties of the Association of St. Joseph on behalf of the brothers and fulfilled other staff assignments at the Center until 1998 when he moved a few hundred feet to Schubert Villa, where he continues to reside.

He admits with typical deference, "That I have reached the 70th mark tells me, I think, that the Holy Spirit has been kind to me." That is true, but not more so than Br. Edgar's kindness to his brothers in Holy Cross.

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BR. THOMAS MORE BEERE, C.S.C.

Racine, Wis., welcomed Br. Tom More on July 28, 1924. He entered Holy Cross in September 1942, graduated from Notre Dame in 1947, and in 1948 joined one of the first post-war groups of Holy Cross missionaries going to East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), where he spent the remainder of his active life as a teacher or administrator in several community schools.

Perhaps patience and astuteness, joined with an obvious spirit of generosity, are words that best describe Br. Tom and complement the administrative skills he showed on many occasions in different schools in Bangladesh. His calmness and good-natured temperament served him well in the missions, as it benefited thousands of students.

Regarding his vocation to Holy Cross, Br. Tom says, "Some decisions in life are taken without great thought or analysis, almost casually." He took for granted he would become a seminarian or a religious. His father persuaded him to finish high school before deciding; in the meantime Br. Theophane Schmitt came to the school



to explain the life of a brother, and, as editor of the school paper, Br. Tom interviewed the visitor. That was all Br. Tom needed. Br. Tom exemplifies the dedicated missionary who almost literally gives his life for those whom he is sent to serve. His effectiveness over a period of some fifty years is legendary in Bangladesh.

BR. VINCENTIUS BALOG, C.S.C.

Br. "Vinny" was born in Detroit, in 1924. Showing a significant talent for art, he studied at Fairview, South Eastern and Case Tech. He came to Holy Cross at Watertown, Wis., in 1942 and made his novitiate in 1943 at Rolling Prairie, Ind.

Completing his studies at Notre Dame, he was asked to teach art at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. He began his ministry there in 1946 and 22 years later was transferred to LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Ind., serving on the faculty and being superior of the brothers. He returned in 1976 to Gilmour Academy to be on the faculty. After three years, he began full-time study at the Cleveland Art Institute, meanwhile becoming a staff member of the University Club in Cleveland. Serving on the pastoral team at St. Paul's Parish, he became in 1983 Director of Vocational Training, living at the University Club. Returning once more to Gilmour Academy in 1983, he remained until 1999, when he came to

Columba Hall at Notre Dame and took on garden projects aimed at enhancing the overall beauty of the Hall's rustic setting between the two campus lakes.

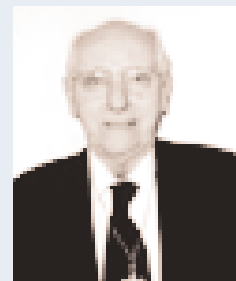
Br. Vinny loves being outdoors helping God beautify his world.

Brother's generous nature and all that he uncovers through art and gardening contribute to the enrichment of the residents, wherever his work is on display.

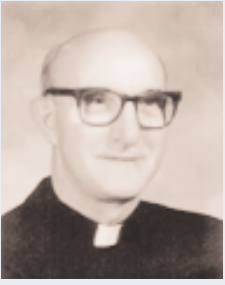
BR. ISAAC JOGUES MOTZ, C.S.C.

Br. Isaac Jogues says of his vocation, "As a teenager and in my early twenties I asked the question, 'What is God asking me to do in his plan of salvation?'" After prayer and advice, he saw clearly that the answer lay in the vows of religion, and he chose Holy Cross as the community in which he could best live poverty, chastity and obedience. He goes on, "For the past sixty years I have followed the call, studying, teaching, coaching, directing and acting as superior . . . and the time has been a blessed time for me."

Born on January 18, 1920, in Fowler, Mich., Br. Isaac completed his elementary and secondary studies in Fowler, except for



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two years of special study at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Mich., transferring then to Holy Cross at Sacred Heart College, Watertown, Wis. He entered the

novitiate in January 1943, made first profession of vows on February 2, 1944, and completed his university work at Notre Dame in 1945. Later, in 1955, after suffering a bout of tuberculosis, for which he was hospitalized two years, he earned his masters degree.

Br. Isaac taught Latin, English and religion at Reitz Memorial H.S., Evansville, Ind., and St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, Ohio. He saw administrative service at Reitz Memorial, and as assistant to the Master of Novices at Rolling Prairie, Ind. He was asked to take on the challenging role of superior of the brothers at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame. Following that, he crossed the highway to be a staff member at Fatima Retreat Center, Notre Dame. He retired in 1998, and in 1999 became one

of the brothers resident at the Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Ind. He remains active in many volunteer roles.

BR. PETER CLAVER TESSIER, C.S.C.

North Adams, Mass., welcomed the future Br. Peter Claver on October 5, 1922, into a New England farming community, one that would prepare him for the type of work he would do much of his religious life.

Br. Peter entered the postulate at Valatie, N.Y., in September 1942, going on to the novitiate in North Dartmouth, Mass., in 1943, and making his first profession of vows on February 2, 1944.

He was immediately assigned to work at Valatie. In 1945 he went to Notre Dame to garden and care for the grounds at Dujarie Institute, the brothers' house of studies. In 1947 he went to Watertown, Wis., the postulate of the brothers, this time to be on the staff. In 1950, at St. Joseph's Farm, Granger, Ind., he took up the work with which he had been so familiar at home.

A man of many talents, Br. Peter spent three years at the farm; in 1951 he was asked to do prefecting work at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee, a post he held for six

years. He returned to Notre Dame in 1957 to work at the U.S. Post Office on the campus. Two years later he took up duties at the community infirmary at Notre Dame, a ministry he was to follow from 1959 to 1998, when he retired to the Helen D. Schubert Villa at Notre Dame. His daily work at Holy Cross House was largely keeping the surroundings tidy and producing beautiful flowers, plants or bushes.

A man who prizes silence, Br. Peter speaks loudly through his gifted interest in landscaping and beautifying the external surroundings. He is an example of humble service in the less evident forms of quiet contributions made by brothers over the years in areas of community life that often go unnoticed precisely because they are so much taken for granted, yet are as important as the nursing care given inside the buildings.



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BR. JAMES EVERETT, C.S.C.

One of a handful of South Bend natives to join the brothers, Br. James Everett was born August 18, 1933. He was from a parish staffed by Holy Cross priests, Christ the King, and was educated by Holy Cross sisters and brothers beginning with primary school all the way through high school to a baccalaureate from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, a brothers' university.

Br. James taught all during his active years in Holy Cross. Beginning at Cathedral H.S. in Indianapolis, Ind., he spent only one semester there before being asked to assist, for a year, at St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee, Wis.

His next assignment was a five-year stint at Cathedral. Following that, he taught three years at Holy Trinity H.S., Chicago, Ill., and became the assistant principal there in 1966. After a year in that position, he returned full

time to the faculty duties he had before.

Br. James then acquiesced to the provincial's request that he help form young men testing their vocation to Holy Cross. He taught classes, too, this time at St. Joseph's H.S., South Bend, Ind., for a seven-year period. His final teaching assignment was St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, Ohio, where he spent twenty-one years teaching and on a tractor mower helping to keep the school grounds beautiful.

Officially retired in 1998, he spent time



helping his brother with a family business in Carlsbad, Calif. In the end, hearing a call from St. Edward to come help with maintenance

duties he returned and that is where Br. James continues to engage in his "ministry of beauty."

BR. JOHN PTASZEK, C.S.C.

This golden jubilarian was born on November 24, 1933, in Chicago, Ill., and did his grade and high school studies in that city. The high school was the brothers' Holy Trinity H.S.

Immediately after graduation, Br. John joined Holy Cross at Watertown, Wis., where he made his postulate, then went to the novitiate in Indiana, and on to St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, graduating in 1957.

Then began a long and uninterrupted tenure as a teacher, first for a semester at Cathedral H.S., Indianapolis, Ind., then to Archbishop Hoban H.S., Akron, Ohio, for four years, then to Catholic Central H.S.,

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Monroe, Mich., for three years, then a third time to Cathedral H.S. from 1965-1973, making a move from there to Le Mans



Academy at Rolling Prairie, Ind., where he taught and was librarian from 1973-2002. In 2003 he took up duties at Holy Cross H.S., River Grove, Ill.

This quiet, friendly and talented

brother says of his years in the community, "Prayer has been my main support in my fifty years in religious life." He does not give himself credit enough for having made the switch from being a meat packer for Mandel Bros. to being a very effective teacher of English and social studies for well over forty years, but undoubtedly prayer has also been part of the support he has sought for his ministry of teaching, too.

BR. DOUGLAS ROACH, C.S.C.

"My fifty years as a Holy Cross Brother have been on a continuum from extreme naiveté to a progression of ongoing personal and professional growth. Vatican II was the turning point in my life as a lay religious, especially in the area of New Testament spirituality. The many ministries that I have encountered have given me a greater appreciation for the diversity of all God's people. It has been in the marketplace where I have found the essence of religious life."

These words of Br. Douglas portray the reality of what religious life has made of him and how he has been constantly open to the Spirit at work within.

Born on April 10, 1932, in Detroit, Mich., Br. Douglas was educated at Holy Redeemer grade and high school. Testing a vocation, he spent two years at Maryknoll seminary. Ruling out the priesthood, Br. Douglas turned his attention to Holy Cross, taking the habit in Rolling Prairie, Ind., in



February 1953, and making first vows a year later.

He began his career in school, both as teacher and administrator. He taught at Archbishop Hoban H.S. in Akron, Ohio, and at Cathedral H.S., Indianapolis, Ind. He became principal at Cathedral after teaching there several years. From 1970-1973 he was on the provincial council, and from 1973-1979 personnel director and councilor. After a sabbatical at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., he worked for the Senior Friendship Centers in Fort Myers, Fla., from 1980-1982. That last year he became Parish Administrator of St. Francis de Sales in Indianapolis, Ind., then was called to be in charge of the Candidate House in South Bend, Ind. He went back to get a certificate in social work, at the University of Tennessee. He functioned then as a Clinical Social Worker at Child and Family Services in Knoxville, Tenn., then as a Social Worker at Morgan Co. Regional Correction Facility, Wartburg, Tenn. In 1997 he was asked to become President at Holy Cross H.S. in River Grove, Ill. Following that, he returned to Florida to work in the Venice Senior Friendship Centers.

BR. THOMAS ROCK, C.S.C.

Br. Tom Rock grew up in Duluth, Minn, arriving on the scene November 8, 1933.

Br. Tom has been one of the more popular and well-liked men in the province because he became not just a cook, but a master chef whose training was proven in a special way at the Holy Cross Brothers Center when community feast days occurred.

Beginning in 1954 Br. Tom got his foot in the cooking door, and, apart from a three-year assignment in the mid-sixties to work at Fr. Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Ind., Br. Tom has been in charge of a kitchen. His first exposure to cooking was from 1954-56 at Le Mans Military Academy, Rolling Prairie, Ind. He worked at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, Ind.; Dujarie Hall, Notre Dame, Ind.; St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, Ohio; Columba Hall again; Beverly Woods Restaurant, Chicago, Ill.; the Catering Corp. of America, Chicago, Ill.; as Food Service Supervisor, Skokie Valley Terrace, Chicago, Ill., and Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, Ind. (1979-1997); and as Food Services Director, Schubert Villa, and

Dujarie House, Notre Dame, Ind. Finally, he is listed as a "resident" at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Whoever asks, "Who's this Brother Tom Rock"? will get for an answer: "Br. Tom is food, he's roast beef, he's steak, he's tiramisu, he's asparagus, he's chocolate cake, he's the master decorator at Christmas time, he's the friend of many Notre Dame personages, he's the one who videotapes our Lenten lecture presentations, he's...well, he's many things to many people." He himself says, "God has truly blessed me, getting me to this point in my life. Without God's help and my friends, it would be impossible to be here."



BR. PAUL ROSONKE, C.S.C.

Br. Paul was born in rural Carroll, Iowa, January 9, 1934, attending elementary and secondary school in Carroll, besides helping around the farm. He says of his entry into Holy Cross, "God gifted me with mechanical skills and an inventive mind. Holy Cross encouraged me to use those talents in ministering to people in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Dakota, New Mexico and Texas... I am especially grateful to Brs. Edward Olszowka and Fergus Burns for introducing me to prayer gatherings and baptism in the Spirit in 1973. Since then, God has become very personal to me, working inside me at the same time as working through me in the prayer ministry as 'companion on a journey,' a good definition for 'brother.'"

From 1977 to 1984 Br. Paul did parish ministry and maintenance at St. Joseph Church, Cheyenne River Reservation in Cherry Creek, S.D. These years were especially formative ones for him, though a sabbatical from October 1993 till May 1995 at the Pecos, N.M., Benedictine Monastery was equally important in his spiritual growth and sense of service as a brother.

Native Americans influenced by Br. Paul at the Cherry Creek location continue to remember and value his presence on the reservation. Br. Paul says, "The deacons

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surprised me with an honor blanket and a Lakota language song, in addition to recalling the Indian name I had been given several years ago, 'Wawokiya,' which means, 'One Who Serves People.'"

Now in Austin, Texas, at St. Ignatius Parish, Br. Paul notes that as he moves into retirement from maintenance work, "details are being worked out as to how

I can be more involved in giving of the gifts I have received."

Sharing his faith with others is the direction Br. Paul wishes to pursue. Himself blessed by the Spirit, he continues to discern how he can best facilitate other people's search for God in their lives. Whichever way it is, it will be energized by Br. Paul's intense efforts to make God come alive in others

as God has done for him over these fifty years as a brother.



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BR. JAMES BLASZAK, C.S.C.



Born in Willis, Mich., on October 23, 1944, Br. James was educated in Catholic schools in Milan and Monroe, Mich. The latter is where he encountered the

Brothers of Holy Cross.

After graduation, Br. James entered the brothers' community in 1963 and, after his novitiate year, began a long career of service through the ministries of cooking, farming, doing maintenance and caring for lawns, much of this service centered at LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Ind., where Br. James lived between 1973 and 1996. That year he became a Pastoral Associate in the nearby parish, Sacred Heart, LaPorte, Ind.

Part of Br. James's farm connections was raising geese. His genial exterior and his immense energy have assured success in his daily service to others, whether in the kitchen, on the farm, in the shop, or in visiting parish members in nursing homes or hospitals.

BR. FRANCIS BOYLAN, C.S.C.

Celebrating 40 years of religious profession, Br. Francis can add that he has spent 36 of those years at Boysville of Michigan (now known as Holy Cross Children's Services) in rural Macon, Mich. What is more, for 29 years now Br. Francis has been director of Boysville. Under his leadership, Boysville has matured into its present variety of much-needed programs and services, expanding throughout the state and into Ohio.

Br. Francis says, "I am grateful to God, the brothers, my family, friends, co-workers and students for the inner peace, contentment and tranquility I have experienced the past 40 years amid the realities of daily life, including its problems and challenges."

Br. Francis spends a good deal of time "on the road" among people, be they state government officials, influential Knights of Columbus (who have contributed both funds and service to the school from its humble beginnings in 1948), diocesan clergy, and private individuals who are rightfully impressed by this dynamo whose motivation is irreversibly found in whatever is "good for the kids."

Br. Francis was born May 21, 1944, in Grosse Pointe Farms near Detroit, Mich., and was educated at Catholic schools in Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe. He came to Holy Cross in October of 1962 and pronounced his vows for the first time in January 1964. After a very brief year's stint at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wis., he was assigned to Boysville and has been there ever since, recognized in Michigan as one of the most influential individuals in the field of child care.



BR. DAVID MARTIN, C.S.C.

Born July 22, 1944, in Akron, Ohio, Br. David attended the brothers' Archbishop Hoban H.S. in Akron, joining Holy Cross in October after graduation.



His assignments have been few.

From January to June 1967 he was on the faculty of Holy Cross H.S., San Antonio, Texas, and from August 1967 to June 1974 he taught at Holy

Cross H.S., River Grove, Ill. In August of that year he was assigned to the faculty of St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, Ohio, where he has taught ever since. In recent years he has served as the religious superior of the brothers at the school.

Quiet, intense, organized, Br. David goes about his work confidently and effectively. His demeanor contributes to success in the classroom and fraternal support among his confreres in community.

BR. DONALD MORRISON, C.S.C.

"God called me to be a Holy Cross Brother and 40 years later I would do it all over again." That is how Br. Donald begins his reflection on the occasion of his 40th anniversary.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 23, 1942. He attended Catholic elementary school and Fairview Park H.S. in a suburb of Cleveland, plus Dyke Business College in Cleveland for a year. He entered the postulancy program of the brothers in Watertown, Wis., in June of 1963. He made his first profession in August of 1964 and was assigned to the general staff of the Provincial Office at Notre Dame. In 1969 he moved south to Terre Haute, Ind., where he worked at Father Gibault School for Boys. In 1971 he helped at Archbishop Curley H.S., Miami,

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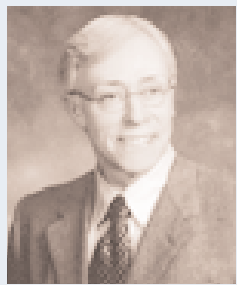
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Fla., then in 1972 he moved to Holy Cross Middle School, New Orleans, La. In 1973 he worked in the general office at Notre Dame once more. In 1974 he spent a few months at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, moving to Bishop David H.S. in Louisville, Ky.

In 1975 he worked on the staff at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend, Ind. From 1976-1979 he did studies at Indiana Vocational Technical College in South Bend. During the 1979-1980 school year, Br. Donald worked in the business office of St. Joseph Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla., then came back to Notre Dame to serve as secretary to the provincial team from 1980-1982, at which time he shifted over to Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., as payroll clerk. In 1987 he went to Boyssville, Macon, Mich., working in the office there for five years, at which time he moved to Nokomis, Fla., to help care for his parents. Events conspired in 1993 to bring him back North to Boyssville, where he was stationed from 1993 to 2001. He shifted over to office staff work at the Provincial Business Office at Notre Dame.

Of all the locations he has lived and worked, he says this, "The most interesting and meaningful work that I have done was at Boyssville of Michigan. As facility supervisor, part of my job was to create a pleasing

environment in which these young people could live." His meticulous attention to home decor details is well known in the community, so it goes without saying he managed



to "create a pleasing environment" at Boyssville as he does wherever he goes.

BR. FRANCIS MEDURI, C.S.C.

Four careers are cited by Br. Frank Meduri to summarize his years in Holy Cross, and they are not careers that necessarily lead one to the other. Born in New York City, N.Y., June 17, 1937, he was educated in Ravenna, Ohio, including accounting, a skill he used everywhere he ministered. He was in the Army from 1957-1959, but before and after

that he worked in the business offices of two companies in Ravenna.

Br. Frank identifies his four careers as follows: "I am privileged to say I have received many blessings, especially from my four ministries: the Ave Maria Press, two years; the Notre Dame Post Office, 14 years; the mission to Ghana, West Africa, 10 years; and serving the sick at Dujarie House, 13 years."

He did not include with his mention of the Post Office that he had worked his way up to the top, as he became Postmaster four years before he left government service to respond to a call within to contribute to the mission of the brothers in Ghana, where his work consisted of a variety of tasks: Director of Youth Ministry for the Sunyani Diocese; Acting Administrator of Nkoransa Hospital in Sunyani; treasurer of the Sunyani Diocesan Training Center; and Diocesan Director of Social Communications.

Whichever of the four "careers" was on Br. Frank's plate at the time, his ebullient optimism, physical stamina and energy, and unconditional friendliness gave him the motivation to carry the tasks required – and perhaps several not required but helpful to those in need. With Br. Frank, what you see is what you get – full measure and overflowing. An illness challenges him at this time, but it has not yet learned it is unwise to do battle with Br. Frank, who knows how to call on the rich resources of heaven and earth to assist him.

BR. TERENCE MUEHLENKAMP, C.S.C

LaCrosse, Wis., is home to Br. Terence. He was born on November 7, 1945, in Van Nuys, Calif., but by the time he was 10 the family had moved to Wisconsin. His schooling took place mostly in LaCrosse.

Br. Terence joined Holy Cross in 1963, receiving the habit in August of that year and making his initial profession of vows a year later. His first major assignment was to the faculty of Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio.

He was asked to go to the congregation's



missions in Bangladesh, and was in that country for only a year before illness forced him back to the U.S. He joined the faculty of Holy Trinity H.S., Chicago, Ill., becoming principal there from 1975-1979. He moved to Notre Dame to become rector of Carroll Hall for a year. In 1980 he took over as director of La Casa de Amistad in South Bend, Ind. While at La Casa he became a chaplain at the St. Joseph Co. jail and became connected with the congregation's Justice and Peace Centers. He took a sabbatical from 1989-1990, and after that was assigned to Holy Cross School in New Orleans, La., for a year, then Holy Cross H.S. in San Antonio, Texas, until 2001. He returned then to Holy Trinity in Chicago, Ill. A serious case of diabetes contributed to the loss of a leg. Rehabilitation was helpful, so he accepted the

invitation of Bonaventure House in Akron, Ohio, a province formation house, to reside there and serve as a counselor at Archbishop Hoban H.S., Akron, Ohio, where Br. Terence remains today happy to be of service.



BR. PETER NAULT, C.S.C.

Br. Peter speaks of his vocation to Holy Cross this way: "During my 40 years in Holy Cross, I have seen the terrain of religious life change immeasurably. My first years were spent in one of the more traditional ministries of the brothers—secondary education, teaching and administration; and the latter years, in diocesan and parish ministries. Holy Cross has provided the platform for whatever service I have been able to provide over these short years. I am deeply grateful for the Holy Cross of yesterday, but more so the Holy Cross of today. This is the Holy Cross that God has given us in our time."

Born in the northern Michigan town of Ishpeming on November 24, 1945, Br. Peter attended elementary school in his hometown. He entered a seminary in Wisconsin from 1959 to 1961, leaving to finish his secondary education in Negaunee, Mich. He then entered Holy Cross in

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July 1963.

After Br. Peter completed his studies, he was assigned to the faculty of St. Edward H.S., Lakewood, Ohio. He spent two years there before taking

a faculty position at Holy Cross H.S., River Grove, Ill. After one year he returned to the Lakewood school for a long run as faculty member, assistant principal for a time, and then finally treasurer of the school. These positions describe the whole 19-year stint he spent at St. Ed's.

In 1986 Br. Peter became Assistant Treasurer and Director of Stewardship for the Diocese of Venice, Fla., and in 1993 Parish Administrator for Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Fla.

However changed matters are in the Church since Vatican II, and however steadfastly Holy Cross religious have stayed aboard the ship when safety was beginning to be a serious question, Br. Peter, for one, has been ready to investigate various possibilities to discern which forms of ministry matched or in other ways aided the ship with finding safe harbor and docking without casualties.

BR. CARLOS PARRILLA, C.S.C.

Born December 11, 1943, in Lorain, Ohio, Br. Carlos attended local elementary and high schools in that city except for two years in a seminary in Alabama testing his calling. Finally, in October of 1962 he joined Holy Cross at Watertown, Wis., then made a novitiate year in Rolling Prairie, Ind., and pronounced the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience on January 26, 1964.

After further studies he was assigned to the faculty at Archbishop Hoban H.S., Akron, Ohio, and after a year there was asked to be on the faculty of St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, Ind., spending 12 years there, the last 3 of them as superior of the brothers on the faculty.

In 1979 he was transferred to St. Edward H.S. in Lakewood, Ohio, where he taught for nine years.

From 1985 to 1988 he was Hispanic

Youth Coordinator at the Ministry Resource Center in Cleveland, Ohio, then from 1988-1992 he taught at Erieview Catholic High School in Cleveland. After a sabbatical in 1992-1993 he became Director of Religious Education, St. Mary Church, Lorain, then responded a second time to the need for faculty at Archbishop Hoban H.S., Akron, Ohio, where he stayed until 2001, at which time he undertook the role of Director of Vocations for the province, at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind.

Of his years with Holy Cross he says, "Looking back and reflecting on 40 years in Holy Cross, what stands out for me is that ministry in Holy Cross, whether teaching, doing pastoral work, helping in a soup kitchen, or simply being present to our brothers during meals, in prayer and in recreating, that ministry never has become



tiresome, but rather has been a source of constant rejuvenation of the ideals that attracted me in the first place to religious life in this congregation."

BR. JAMES REDDY, C.S.C.

"I want to thank my family and friends for all their encouragement, support and prayers the past 40 years. I was blessed to grow up in a deeply religious family, which helped me to respond to the call to religious life. Reflecting on a quick 40 years, I can't help but appreciate the many people who touched my life, in particular many Brothers of Holy Cross. I have had the opportunity to minister to teenagers and senior citizens and both were challenging and rewarding experiences."

With these words, Br. James, born on July 11, 1935, in Milwaukee, Wis., describes his vocation. He entered the Navy in 1956 and left six years later in 1962. His clerical skills enabled him to fit perfectly into several ministerial positions during his 40 years as a Holy Cross religious.

He began as assistant provincial treasurer at the brothers' provincial house, Notre Dame, Ind. In 1967 he began a two-year assignment at Fr. Gibault School for

Boys in Terre Haute, Ind., later returning to Notre Dame as a clerk in the U.S. Post Office. From 1970 to 1977 Br. James was on the staff of Holy Trinity H.S. in Chicago, Ill., then in 1977 he moved to the west side of the city to be on the staff at Holy Cross H.S., River Grove, Ill.

In 1981 he made the 100-day renewal program under the Christian Brothers at Sangre de Cristo Center, Santa Fe, N.M. He then returned to the River Grove school. From 1982 to 1984 Br. James studied at DePaul University, Chicago, Ill., to become a social worker, taking on that role for the Sister Visitor Program, Louisville, Ky. Asked to come to Notre Dame's Columba Hall, Br. James became the local superior of the brothers resident there. After the completion of his three-year term, he began ministering as a Social Service Case Worker for the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging, a post he held from 1988-1993. After time as Assistant Social Service Coordinator for the B-C Council, in 1996 Br. James responded to a need for a social worker to take up the position of Asst. Social Service Coordinator with the Holy Cross ministry, St. Joseph the Worker House, Phoenix, Ariz. In 1997 he returned to the Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging and, a year later became an Information and Referral Specialist for Leyden Family Service in Franklin Park, Ill.

Finally, in 1999 Br. James again made himself available to answer the need for a registrar at the brothers' Holy Trinity H.S. in Chicago, Ill.

Br. James has placed himself and his organizational talent and clerical skills at the service of several Holy Cross ministries over his 40 years of profession, but has also heard the call from other organizations desiring a true religious presence and spiritual approach to service.



Securing the Future's Promise

The Provincial Council of the Midwest Province has designated the fostering and nurturing of vocations to the Brothers of Holy Cross to be a critical priority for the next five years. The council has also made this priority one of the major goals of the



Br. Phillip Smith

Province Capital Campaign: *Honoring Lives of Faith – Securing the Future's Promise.* In November 2003, the Provincial Council appointed Brothers Philip Smith and Edward Fox to head up the

vocation office beginning in July of 2004.

Brother Philip has been working with the Beverly Price Company of Chicago to create two new marketing tools. The first is a DVD that will hallmark the life and ministry of the Holy Cross Brothers in the Midwest Province. The diverse ministries of brothers

are chronicled under the banners of servant leadership, neighborliness and brotherhood. Entitled *Men With Hope to Bring*, the DVD will be circulated to men showing interest in the life of a brother. A three-fold mailer has also been designed as a companion piece to the DVD.

Brothers Philip and Edward will be living in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. As a part of their ministry of fostering religious vocations, they are planning a series of seminars that will educate participants about the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross and specifically about the brothers' contributions to its growth and effectiveness in the United States and in the foreign missions. There will also be weekly discussions on vocation discernment for persons interested in discerning a vocation to the religious life. Holy Cross College, the University of Notre Dame, the two Catholic high schools in South Bend, Ind., and Mishawaka, Ind., and the many elementary schools in the area will be ready arenas for

their efforts at vocation promotion. They will also continue recruiting in the four province high schools with an emphasis placed upon ninth and eleventh graders.

We encourage you to keep this important effort in your daily prayer.



Br. Edward Fox



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