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Nineteen days from today, on September 15, 2007, Venerable Father Basil A. Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and therefore our founder, will be beatified when he formally becomes Blessed Basil Moreau taking him one step from sainthood.

More than a year ago Father Hugh Cleary, Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross asked the members of the Congregation as well all of the Holy Cross schools and ministries across the world to joyously prepare for this great day through a “Year of Rejoicing” which began on September 15, 2006.

Since our Notre Dame Family is a part of the world-wide Holy Cross Family, we have been participating in the Year of Rejoicing through many activities and prayer. In fact, Notre Dame High School has been recognized as one of the leaders of all of the schools and institutions in this effort. One of the ways that we have been rejoicing is through our weekly focus on the life and philosophy of Father Moreau which is where we get the concept of *Educating Hearts and Minds*. This year we continue our “Moreau Mondays” as we share a “Moreau Moment” in our morning announcements. The Moreau Moments include a reflection on his life along with connections to Holy Cross Mission. The reflection is followed by a prayer in support of Father Moreau’s beatification and seeking his intercession on behalf of our entire Notre Dame Family.

And so together, let us pray: In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

Lord Jesus, Source of all that is good, you inspired Basil Moreau to found the religious family of Holy Cross to continue your mission among the People of God. May he be for us a model of the apostolic life, an example of fidelity and an inspiration as we strive to be followers of Jesus.

May the Church be moved to proclaim his saintliness for the good of all people. Lord Jesus, you said "Ask and you shall receive." I dare to come to you to ask that you hear my prayer. It is through the intercession of Father Basil Moreau that I ask...

May I learn to imitate his holiness and service and look to him confidently in times of need.

Amen.



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