

Six Brothers of Holy Cross mark jubilee anniversaries

Six Brothers of Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee anniversaries on Saturday, June 17, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. Celebrating will be one brother with 75 years of religious profession, one with 70, three with 50 years, and one with 40 years. A dinner will follow the Mass at Notre Dame for invited guests.

Three brothers currently reside in Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, one at Columba Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus, one at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio, and one in Johnson City, New York.

Brother Robert Fillmore, C.S.C., Provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, will accept the brothers' renewal of vows. Brother Daniel Kane, C.S.C., of Gates Mills, Ohio, will be the musical director and organist.

Celebrating 75 Years



**Brother Thaddeus
Gottemoller, CSC**

Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller has the distinction of being the oldest living member in the Midwest Province at 95. Those who live with him at Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame would describe him as the “Energizer Bunny.” He just keeps on going. At his age, he and Brother Camillus Kirsch, C.S.C., celebrating his 70th Jubilee this year, go for a daily swim at Notre Dame’s Rockne Memorial pool. Despite the present construction in the area, Brother Thaddeus continues to rake the lawn and clean under trees and in flower beds at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House. His famous tomato plants are ever present...but Brother Thaddeus who is also a very spiritual man, may be found in the chapel praying during the wee hours of the morning.

Prior to joining the Brothers of Holy Cross in 1930, Karl was a fountain clerk in Reichel’s Pharmacy in Indianapolis, Indiana, clerked at the local A & P grocery store, drove a dry cleaning truck for Guarantee Cleaners, and was a plumber’s helper for the family firm, Gottemoller and Sons.

Brother is presently the oldest Brother of Holy Cross to graduate from Cathedral High School, Indianapolis in 1929. He joined the brothers at Sacred Heart Postulate, Watertown, Wisconsin, January 20, 1930. He made his first vows at Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, July 2, 1931. Brother graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1935.

Between 1935 and 1980 Brother Thaddeus taught science and mathematics courses at six of the brothers’ high schools; two of them on two different occasions, in what are now the Eastern and Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross. His assignments took him to Evansville, Indiana; New Orleans, Louisiana, Albany, New York; Valatie, New York; Taunton, Massachusetts; Lakewood, Ohio; and South Bend, Indiana.

From 1960 until 1981 he would teach at Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, and from 1981 until 2002 at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, both as a member of the faculty and then as volunteer staff member.

In January 2002, at the age of 91, he formally retired to the Columba Hall community at Notre Dame, Indiana, and this past year moved to Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Celebrating 70 Years



**Brother Camillus
Kirsch, C.S.C.**

Brother Camillus Kirsch, 90, like Brother Thaddeus, is the epitome of energy. Although he has had a hip and two knees replaced in the past few years, he continues to begin his long brisk walks long before many are awake. Although brother is the third oldest member of the province he continues to keep both his mind and body active. Camillus is a model of a person aging gracefully.

Brother Camillus, five years a junior to Brother Thaddeus was also born in Indianapolis, Indiana, like Brother Thaddeus and he graduated from Cathedral High School, but in 1934. William Kirsch entered Sacred Heart Postulate of the brothers in Watertown, Wisconsin, in September of 1934. He took first vows at Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, in August of 1936. Brother Camillus graduated Magna Cum Laude from Notre Dame in June 1940.

Brother Camillus' first assignment was for a year at Reitz Memorial in Evansville, Indiana, followed by a year of graduate study at the University of Notre Dame and at the University of Chicago. He went to the Father Gibault School for Boys, Terre Haute, Indiana, as the Assistant Field Director in 1943.

When the history of the Brothers of Holy Cross at Father Gibault Boys Home is written, Brother Camillus will be one of the highlights. Brother Camillus worked and prayed 27 years of his religious life at Gibault, on three different occasions.

Brother left Gibault for a year between 1953-1954 to become Assistant Director and faculty member of Boysville of Michigan in Clinton, Michigan. After a year he returned to Gibault for another six years. Again in 1959 he left Gibault for a year at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana only to return to Gibault for another twelve years until 1972.

In 1971, after the death of his mother, Anna, brother moved into the family home in Indianapolis where he would live until the year 2000. From 1972 until December 1985 Brother Camillus was a Psychiatric Social Worker at Central State Hospital in Indianapolis. From 1988 until 1997 brother served as Assistant Chaplain at the Americana Nursing Home in Indianapolis.

Brother has been very active in the Knights of Columbus on the local and statewide level. He was a member of the Indiana Children's Home Association and Indian State Welfare Conference. Brother Camillus retired to Columba Hall in 2000 and in 2005 he moved to Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Celebrating 50 Years



**Brother Julian
Casper Przybyla, C.S.C.**

Brother Julian Casper Przybyla, 70, has been a community chef or maintenance/grounds worker up until the last few months. Brother currently assists brothers living at Schubert Villa or Dujarie House in taking them to medical appointments. His free time is taken up with working on the grounds at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, or playing golf with fellow religious.

It has often been said in community that "It's not too difficult to find a new principal or a director but to find a good chef or maintenance man is a nearly impossible." Brother Julian can be proud of his work as both over the years.

A native of Rogers City, Michigan, Julian entered the Postulancy in Watertown, Wisconsin, in September of 1954 after graduating from high school. He made his first vows at St. Joseph Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. January 26, 1956.

After the novitiate, brother would be a community chef from January of 1956 until August of 1980. During those years he would move eight times and serve in six different community houses: Dujarie Hall (twice), Notre Dame; Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wisconsin; Columba Hall (twice), Notre Dame; Holy Trinity High School, Chicago; Holy

Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame; and Dujarie House, Notre Dame.

From August until November 1980 Brother Julian served in the Maintenance Department of the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame. In November of 1980 he moved to Holy Cross High School High School, River Grove, Illinois, where he would serve in the Maintenance Department for 13 years and another 12 years on school grounds. Brother moved to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, in 2005 after Holy Cross High School closed.

**Brother James
Giles Kinsella, C.S.C.**



Brother James Giles Kinsella, 77, is presently a resident of Schubert Villa at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame. Brother James moved to Columba Hall, Notre Dame, when LeMans Academy closed in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, in May 2003. After a short stay in the hospital in 2005, brother was moved to Dujarie House for a couple of months and then to Schubert Villa in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame where he presently lives. Brother suffers from a number of serious health problems.

It is a miracle that Brother James is still alive. While at LeMans Academy in 1996 he had an aneurysm break. He was taken to LePorte Hospital and then by emergency helicopter to Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago where he underwent an emergency operation. Brother was in a coma for six weeks and in the hospital for four months. After rehabilitation from June-September, 1996 in Dujarie House, he went back to LeMans to resume his work as transportation director.

A native of Richmond, Indiana, Brother James is known as Giles to his family. After graduating from high school at St. Joseph's Academy, Collegeville, Indiana, in 1947, Giles attended Earlham College, St. Joseph College and Xavier University before Uncle Sam drafted him in the Korean War in 1952. He served in the Army at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and in Big Delta, Alaska. To members of the community as well as students Brother James has a very dry sense of humor which some have difficulty understanding.

Giles entered the Juniorate at St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, in June 1955 and St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, August 15, 1955. He took his first vows at St. Joseph's Novitiate on August 16, 1956.

Brother James was a student at Vincent Hall, St. Edward's University, for the 1956-57 school year in which he earned his degree in English and history. After graduation brother was assigned to St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, where he would serve from 1957-60 and again from 1980-87. In the early 1970's he did graduate work in American History at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Other assignments over the years would take brother to Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Indiana; Boysville of Michigan, Clinton, Michigan; Holy Cross High School, River Grove, Illinois, Silver Lake Farm, Rolling Prairie, Indiana; Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, and LeMans Academy, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, where he served from 1987 until it closed in May 2003.

**Brother James
Bagans, C.S.C.**



Brother James Bagans, 69, a 1955 graduate of Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan, is the third of the six brothers celebrating jubilees this year who graduated from schools conducted by the Brothers of Holy Cross. Both Cathedral High School and Catholic Central have been a rich source of vocations for the brothers.

Since 1999 Brother James has been in the Spiritual Care Department of Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, New York. In 1996 after a year of discernment at St. Edward High School, Lakewood, Ohio, Brother James decided to pursue a second career in pastoral care. From 1997-99 he was a student in the Pastoral Care Program at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. Since then he has been at Lourdes Hospital.

A month after his graduation from Catholic Central High School James entered Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown,

Wisconsin. He made his first vows on August 16, 1956. For the next two years he would be a student at Vincent Hall, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. In the 1950's and 60's years many brothers spent summers in school completing their college degrees.

Brother James would have only four assignments in Holy Cross over the years. From 1958-64 he was on the faculty of St. Charles Boys Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, was his next move from 1964-67. He would then spend one year at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, before moving to St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1968 where he would be on the faculty for 28 years.

In his early years brother taught English while at St. Edward he was a school counselor. Brother James also ran the bookstore for many years as well as concessions for athletic events. Cooking was one of the activities he enjoyed. Brother James has been a quiet and very prayerful religious.

Celebrating 40 Years



Brother Richard Keller, C.S.C.

Brother Richard Keller, 65, is currently on the staff at Gilmour Academy working with the student residence program, campus ministry, retreats and perfecting. He is also Mother's Club moderator and moderator of the Alumni Mother's group. Brother first went to Gilmour in 1977 as a prefect and Campus Minister for the school. From 1984 until 1987 he became a Director of Campus Ministry. In 1987 he became director of food services for the academy. Five years ago Gilmour outsourced its food service and Brother Richard adapted to a different ministry.

A native of Shelby, Ohio, Richard graduated from Shelby High School in 1960 and then held various jobs as a farmer, grocery store worker, and tool and die maker for General Motors before entering the Juniorate at Watertown, Wisconsin, in October of 1964. He made his first vows at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Indiana, January 26, 1966.

For the next 11 years he would be chef in five different community apostolates. Brother Richard first served a year following his novitiate year as a chef at St. Joseph's Novitiate, Rolling Prairie, Indiana. He then would spend six months as the assistant chef at the Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame. Brother then went to Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, Wisconsin, for the 1967-68 school year. When the Academy at Watertown, Wisconsin, was moved to Rolling Prairie, Indiana, in 1968, and changed its name to LeMans Academy, Brother Richard followed for five years. He returned to the Holy Cross Brothers Center at Notre Dame in 1973 for four more years, before going to Gilmour Academy, where he has been for the last 29 years.

Brother Richard Keller is a Master Chef of the American Culinary Institute, and as moderator of the Gilmour Women's Club headed a committee that in 1996, the 50th Anniversary of the Academy, published a 500-page plus cookbook entitled *Gilmour...well seasoned*. Diana Valerian the Cookbook Chairwoman said of Brother Richard, "...these recipes have been tested and then studied, re-sifted, and re-culled by our resident culinary expert, Brother Richard Keller, C.S.C." A special 50-page section of the cookbook was entitled "Specialties of the House" by Brother Richard. Brother currently keeps up his contacts and accreditation with area restaurant and chefs associations.