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Brother of Holy takes first vows, becomes hall rector at Holy Cross College

Brother Chris Torrijas, C.S.C. took his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on July 30 at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colorado. Torrijas, 38, a native of Michigan City, Indiana was recently given his first assignment as rector of Basil Hall at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame. The rector position at Holy Cross was his first choice of a number of community positions he had to consider.

Being a hall rector is nothing new to Torrijas who was a hall counselor for 12 years at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. It is interesting that he sees his college students as having many of the same adjustments to dorm life as his students at LeMans Academy did. Torrijas hopes to be a rector at Holy Cross for several years.

Torrijas graduated from the University of Indiana, Bloomington with a degree in elementary education. He would spend a year teaching elementary school in Michigan City before going to LeMans Academy.

His long association with the Brothers of Holy Cross at LeMans led him to consider the Brothers of Holy Cross. He would enter the Holy Cross candidate program at St. Edward University in Austin Texas where he would spend a year. Following Austin he would go through a yearlong Novitiate at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colorado.