



## News from the Generalate

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### Holy Cross Higher Education “Going Green”

**Brother David Andrews (EB)**, Congregational Coordinator for Justice and Peace, filed this report to describe how Holy Cross colleges and universities in the United States are making efforts to join the sustainable campus movement.

September 20-23, saw the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) meet at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. At the conclusion of that meeting there was a special session on Catholic Colleges. The climate change agenda is now clearly making its effect on college campuses and Catholic colleges are not exempt. Just as the Holy See is seen as a leader in going green internationally, Catholic colleges are following that lead.

The **University of Notre Dame** will host a conference on Catholic colleges and sustainability October 9-11, 2009. As the coordinator for Justice and Peace for the Congregation of Holy Cross, Brother David has been advocating for climate justice and sustainability throughout the Congregation, as has our **Holy Cross International Justice Office**, and he

has participated in gatherings on the topic of campus sustainability. He reports that all of our Holy Cross campuses have been moving in the direction of campus sustainability. Brother David has visited the **University of Portland** and **Saint Edward’s University** and spoken with administrators and faculty about their promising efforts to move into a more sustainable campus future. He has also had extended conversations about ecological concerns with **Father Anthony De Conciliis (EP)**, president of **Our Lady of Holy Cross College** (New Orleans).

Two Holy Cross campuses, **Kings College** and **Notre Dame University**, have demonstrated a clear commitment as Holy Cross sponsored colleges to respond to the challenge of our day, that of climate change and sustainability.

At **King’s College**, The Green Initiative (TGI)—a committee of faculty, staff, and students—was launched in 2007 to foster social responsibility by promoting environmental awareness and action among the College community. TGI is committed to educating community members on environmental issues, promoting environmental

responsibility, providing opportunities for community members to take action on environmental issues and initiatives, improving the standard of living amongst campus residents and workers through environmentally responsible purchasing and practices, raising the profile of King's as an environmentally responsible institution, and living the college mission by fostering responsible global stewardship.

There is a special effort to help students make the connection between the operation of the college, climate change, and Catholic social teaching. The dining service at King's uses a tray-less meal system to cut down on water use and food waste. Recyclable products have been introduced to replace Styrofoam and plastic containers for food service and take-out. Some foods and produce are locally grown and distributed.

The **University of Notre Dame** has an Office of Sustainability headed by **Jim Mazurek**. The office integrates sustainability principles across all operational areas of the university and collaborates with relevant sustainability education and research programs across each of the colleges to drive outcomes that are aligned with the overall university mission and vision. The scope of sustainability covers environmental and economic issues: direct campus operations; the indirect activities of faculty, staff,

students, and business partners; and engagement with the greater community. Students are directly involved in coordinating the energy and environmental efforts at Notre Dame through the organization GreeND.

The Office of Sustainability has partnered with Notre Dame's **Center for Social Concerns** to integrate environmental consciousness into service learning programs. Campus dining halls serve seafood that has been certified as sustainable by the Marine Stewardship Council. About 40% of the food on campus is locally sourced. Many organic and fair trade ingredients, including coffee and flour, are used at campus dining halls. Many vegetarian and vegan options are available.

Like other Catholic colleges and universities, Holy Cross institutions are going green, recognizing in many concrete ways the responsibility that is ours to do, as *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* expressed it, find ways to "defend nature."

### **Coming Provincial Chapters**

Please remember the religious of the following provinces, soon to gather in chapter: **Sacred Heart of Jesus Province**, convening October 12-16 in Dhaka, Bangladesh; **Province of South India**, convening October 22-26 in Bangalore, India.

## Canadians Honored

The **Father Patrick Fogarty CSC** Peace Gardens at **Dennis Morris High School** (St. Catharines, Ontario) was blessed on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Father Pat, who had been a long-time Holy Cross educator in English Canada, has been honored by the **Niagara Catholic District Board** a number of times. In January 2008 he was awarded posthumously the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction. In the 1990s, **Notre Dame College School** (Welland) named its second campus site the Father Fogarty Campus, and today an adult and continuing education centre in Welland is aptly named the Father Patrick Fogarty Continuing Education Centre. Elsewhere, there is a Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School in Orillia, Ontario.

In Quebec, the Holy Cross **Résidence Saint-Césaire (C)** was rededicated and renamed in a ceremony on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The house will be known as **Maison Frère Flavien** to honor the memory of our newest Holy Cross Servant of God.

### **Holy Trinity High School (MW) Centennial Celebrations**

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley designated September 15, 2009 as **Holy Trinity Day** to recognize the school's 100 years of educating the hearts and minds of Chicago's youth.

In particular, the day of celebration opening Trinity's centennial year is to recognize and thank the Brothers of Holy Cross for their 100 years of service and sponsorship of the school.

The Brothers of Holy Cross established the high school to serve Polish immigrants who flocked to Chicago at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The school operated in an existing building from 1912 to 1927, when the cornerstone for the present school building was blessed on September 18, 1927, by **Most Rev. Edward Hoban**, then Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Bishop Hoban would later become Ordinary of the Cleveland Diocese, where he helped establish three Holy Cross schools: **Gilmour Academy** (Gates Mills), **St. Edward High School** (Lakewood), and **Archbishop Hoban High School** (Akron).

### **USA Restructuring: IP/EP Process**

Consequent to the historic chapter decisions recommending to the 2010 General Chapter enabling legislation that would merge the **Eastern Province** into the **Indiana Province** prior to the 2012 provincial chapters, provincial superiors **Thomas Looney (EP)** and **David Tyson (IP)** have established a Due Diligence/Merge Committee to guide the process of due diligence and other issues that will facilitate an efficient and effective transition. **Fathers Thomas**

**Bertone (EP), Peter Jarret (IP), James Lackenmier (EP), Michael Mathews (IP), John Ryan (EP) and Anthony Szakaly (IP)** constitute the committee membership. All are members of their respective provincial councils and most were members of the pre-chapter committee that worked so diligently towards common chapter legislation. Let us continue to join our confreres in prayer that this move would enhance and strengthen the mission of Holy Cross in the United States.

#### **USA Restructuring: EB/SW Process**

In reviewing the legislation of the recent EB and SW provincial chapters, provincials **Brother Thomas Dzieken (EB)** and **Brother Donald Blauvelt (SW)** met to form committees, and to set directions for the work of establishing a new Holy Cross province in the USA. The first item to be addressed is the polling of the members of both provinces—the Eastern Province of Brothers and the South-West Province—as to their preference with regard to being members of the new Province or not. This will be a formal statement. A document to this effect is anticipated to be published by the middle of October. There is need to consult with a canon lawyer and other experts with regard to the

form itself. Members will also be asked at that time to submit a suggestion for a name for the new Province. A process for members of other provinces who wish to become members of the new province will be determined by the provincial councils at a later date.

#### **Perpetual Profession**

Congratulations to **Brother Vincent Ntsiful (MW-Ghana)** who made his perpetual profession of vows in the Congregation on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Blessed Brother André Chapel, Holy Cross District Center, Cape Coast, Ghana. Congratulations and *ad Multos Annos* to our newest professed member in Holy Cross.

#### **Holy Cross Vocation Coordinators of Latin America**

The Holy Cross Coordinators of Vocational Pastoral for Latin America (Perú, Chile, Brazil and Mexico) met on 2-4 September at the house of formation in Canto Grande (Lima), Peru, to review progress made since the international meeting of this apostolate in Le Mans, France, in 2007. During these days of prayer, reflection and sharing, they examined materials and strategies, talked about problems and possible solutions, reflected on the characteristics of youth today, and shared vocational materials, giving considerable time to view the WEB pages of each

country. They noted the importance of electronic communication in its multiple forms, while recognizing that nothing substitutes for personal contact and follow-up. Since Vocational Pastoral is only an instrument of God in this apostolate, they emphasized the importance of prayer, theirs and others, and the testimony of a life given freely and happily to Christ. At the end of the meeting they prepared a report with suggestions for the different superiors of Holy Cross, noting that they are convinced of the importance of these regional meetings to enhance this mission of Holy Cross.

### **Tri-annual Meeting of International Directors of Family Rosary**

The international directors of **Family Rosary**, plus personnel from the world headquarters of **Holy Cross Family Ministries** and other invited persons met in Lima, Peru, from the 5th to the 10th of September for their tri-annual meeting of evaluation and planning.

The theme of the meeting was that of the centennial year of the birth of the founder of HCFM, the Servant of God, Father Patrick Peyton CSC: "to honor his memory and continue his mission". The meeting opened and ended with the celebration of the Eucharist. Reports from each of the 17 countries were distributed. The work concentrated on pinpointing the

common mission in a diversity of countries, continents, languages and cultures, and focused on the theme: with Mary to bring the family to Jesus.

Two days were devoted to strengthening the mission by utilizing communication opportunities through modern technologies and to achieve more efficiency in the mission through good organization. Ample time was given to prayer, especially praying the Divine Office, the Rosary and the celebration of the Eucharist.

During all of this time the participants enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the **District of Perú (EP)** and the Peruvian people. Some time was allotted to see some of the rich and varied Peruvian culture, or cultures, and part of the important pastoral work of the District of Perú. Visits were made to the Apostolate of Family Rosary-Perú, to the impressive "Fr. Patrick Peyton Center" and the Institute of Family Pastoral, where a brief overview was given of its multiple activities in favor of and in defense of the family.

During the meeting the participants commented on how HCFM has developed into an apostolate and mission of the entire Congregation, with works in almost all the Provinces, Vicariates and Districts. Blessed Basil Moreau and Servant of God Patrick Peyton must be pleased.

## World Watch

**Brother David Andrews (EB)**, Congregational Justice and Peace Coordinator, has been named to the Advisory Council of the **World Watch Institute**. The World Watch State of the World 2011 “Nourishing the Planet” Advisory Council is looking at agricultural production in Africa. The World Watch Institute received more than one million dollars from the Gates Foundation to look at best practices in sustainable agriculture in Africa. Brother David also serves on the Policy Committee of the Africa Faith and Justice Network. The AFJN is well represented by Holy Cross and **Father Robert Dowd (IP)** is chair of the policy committee.

## Visitations

**Brother John Paige** recently completed informal visits to **Holy Cross College**, Notre Dame, and participated in the Board of Trustees meetings of **Stonehill College**. The college recently was the recipient of a \$ 7 million gift from Frank and Mary Shields, for whom the newly dedicated Science Center will be named.

Members of the **General Council** participated with members of the General Councils of the three **Holy Cross Sisters** congregations in a meeting that focused on the theme

*Our consecrated life in Holy Cross today according to Moreau’s vision.* The participants, gathering at the Sisters of Holy Cross retreat house at Pierrefonds, Quebec, engaged in prayer and reflection, time for a business meeting of the four councils, and a tour of Montréal and Holy Cross places. They also celebrated Eucharist at St. Joseph’s Oratory with members of the Holy Cross Family in Quebec, followed by a festive buffet, and took a “leaf peeping” excursion to Nominique in the Laurentian Mountains.

## Generalate Visitors

The generalate community hosted a special luncheon on the Feast of St. Augustine for **Archbishop Peter Akwasi Sarpong (Emeritus—Kumasi, Ghana)** accompanied by **Sister Gladys Boakye FST**. Other generalate visitors this month included: **Father Arthur Colgan (EP)**, **Father James Murphy (EP)**, **Mr. Robert Therrien**, **Bishop Ponen Paul Kubi CSC**, and nephews of **Father Colgan (John, Matthew, Scott and Joseph Colgan)**. On the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the local community at the generalate hosted **Sr. Laura Therrien CSC, Sr, Micheline Tremblay CSC, Father Bud Colgan, Father Jim Murphy and Bob Therrien** for a festive meal.