



Holy Cross Province News

April 2016

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Birthdays

- 3 Ray Sanchez
- 26 Simon Herbers

Professions

- 18 E. John Hilgert

Ordinations

- 17 David Colhour
- 27 Don Senior
Alan Phillip
Jorge Stanfield
Phil Paxton
- 28 Ron Corl
Eric Meyer
- 30 Joseph Barbieri



LOOKING FORWARD...

- April 3**
Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 4**
The Annunciation of the Lord
- April 8**
The Glorious Wounds of Jesus
- April 17**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Updates...

- Council meetings will be held April 12-13, via Skype.
- Provincial visitation will be held April 4-8 at Mater Dolorosa; 16-23 at Sacred Heart; and 23-30 at Holy Name.
- Catholic Theological Union's *Blessed are the Peacemakers* Trustee Dinner is celebrating its 25th Anniversary, Wednesday, April 27, at the Hilton Hotel, Chicago. The featured speaker is Chicago's Archbishop Blase J. Cupich. This year's recipient of the *Diakonia* Award for Service is Carol Segal, Vice President, Civic Affairs, Crate & Barrel.
- The spring issue of our magazine, *The Passionists*, is now available. The digital edition of the magazine can be found on our [website](#).
- Don Senior has been appointed Visiting Professor, Religious Studies, in the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.
- Eric Meyer will celebrate his 50th Jubilee of Ordination at Immaculate Conception Church in Chicago on Sunday, April 17, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.
- E. John Hilgert has accepted being part of the ecclesial team (one priest and one married couple), to form the Structure Pillar for Worldwide Marriage Encounter's North American (WMENA) Secretariat for a three year period. Congratulations E. John!



“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

~John 20:29 (NABRE)

Vocations...

Chris Gibson and Phillip Donlan attended the yearly “Here I Am” Vocational Conference at St Patrick’s Parish in St Charles, IL. Approximately 4,500 pre-teens and teens from various area schools and parishes attended the conference. About 120 vocation directors were present with their displays and actively participated during the conference. As part of the “sowing the vocational seeds” experience, Phillip had the opportunity to share his vocation story.

Serious vocational candidates interested in the Passionists are invited to get together once a month via Skype. In February, the focus was on different stages of formation. Those who are in different stages of formation with us (Juan Gonzalez, Samuel Divine and Phillip Donlan) were invited to participate and share their experience and answer questions. The theme for March included Justin Nelson and Bruno D’Souza, two of our Passionists from India, who shared their vocation story and ministry in the United States.



Chris Gibson and Phillip Donlan with the Passionists’ display.



St. Patrick’s Parish was filled for the vocations conference.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations...

Sunday, April 17, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Vocation Prayer

by: Randal Joyce, C.P.

Father, with hearts grateful for the past and looking to the future with trust in your providence we pray for the needs of our Passionist Congregation. With special urgency we pray for more companions.

May our lives and our places be lighthouses for others, showing the way, glowing with welcome.
By Your Spirit within us may we be magnets of grace, drawing others to join us in community.

We pray with Mary, the first Passionist. We pray with St. Paul of the Cross and all our Passionist saints.

We pray most of all in the name of Jesus, crucified and risen. Amen.



(l-r): Alfredo Ocampo, Patrick Saint-Jean, Soo Hoon Hur and Phillip Donlan.

St. Paul of the Cross...

Detroit, Michigan



Randal Joyce (l) with Pat Brennan. Randal celebrated his 94th birthday on March 18.



Andrew Kurt, an Eagle Scout from Troop 743, made and donated seven benches to be used on the grounds at St. Paul's. Thank you, Andrew!

Sacred Heart Community...

Louisville, Kentucky



The windows in Sacred Heart's Chapel cast a dramatic reflection of the morning sun as Eric Meyer celebrates community Mass.



The chapel at Sacred Heart was brightened for the Easter season with the Easter Candle made by Jerry Milazzo.

Filling a need...and lifting hearts

Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee

During the months of March through May, our Passionists have been filling in at two parishes within the Diocese of Nashville: St. Patrick Catholic Church in McEwen and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Tennessee Ridge. Both parishes have warmly welcomed our Passionists and have fallen in love with the Passionist charism. On Friday, April 8, parishioners at St. Patrick's made a covenant to join the Community of Passionist Partners.

Many thanks to Bishop David Choby for his welcome, and to Ken Schmitt for his instrumental work in coordinating the staffing. Bob Weiss is currently there and gave a parish mission at St. Patrick's, April 6-8, and will give a parish mission at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, April 13-15.

Thanks, also, to other Passionists for filling the need: Arthur Carrillo, Chris Gibson, Phil Paxton and Alex Steinmiller.



Phil Paxton preaches the homily during Mass at St. Patrick's.



Bob Weiss reads the Gospel at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Holy Week and Easter...

The Community of Passionist Partners in San Antonio, Texas, hosted their annual Seder Supper on Holy Thursday, March 24, for the Partners and invited guests.

At right: Alex Steinmiller washes the feet of Manolo and Lucy Razuri.

