



# Holy Cross Province News

January 2016

## January Birthdays

- 1 Don Senior
- 8 Samuel Divine
- 12 Arthur Carrillo  
Alfredo Ocampo
- 14 Juan Gonzalez
- 22 Ron Corl
- 23 Leonard Kosatka
- 28 Joe Van Leeuwen

*Happy New Year!*

### LOOKING FORWARD...

**January 3**  
Birthday of  
St. Paul of the Cross

**January 5**  
Feast of  
St. Charles of Mount Argus



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## Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets January 18-19, via Skype.
- Welcome Phillip Donlan to St. Vincent Strambi Community as you begin your residency. God bless you!
- Joe Moons and Arthur Carrillo will attend the Configuration Meeting in Brazil, January 20-27.
- At the Chicagoland Passionist Family Christmas party, we collected \$1,000 for the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program, to be given to a family most in need.
- A Memorial Mass for Phil Schaefer will be celebrated on Saturday, January 16, at 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeanette, Pennsylvania. John Monzyk and Mark Ward, Superior at the Pittsburgh monastery, will attend.
- Don Senior is the new Scripture columnist for the *Catholic New World* Newspaper for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Don's first article: *How should the Gospel begin?* is on their **website**.
- Robin Ryan and Don Senior are presenting the Spring 2016 Lecture Series, *The Cross in Scripture and Theology*, at Catholic Theological Union. For more information, check out their website: [http://www.ctu.edu/lecturespring\\_2016](http://www.ctu.edu/lecturespring_2016).
- On December 20, Sebastian MacDonald attended the Chicago airport chaplaincy (O'Hare and Midway) annual Christmas party.
- Holy Name Community held an evening of recollection on November 15 with two young men who have expressed an interest in Passionist life.



## Christmas Cheer...



Sam Divine made an appearance as Father Christmas at the Christmas party held for Christ the King's Women's Guild. Sam made the costume himself. Great job Sam!

## Christ the King: Pilgrimage Site for the Year of Mercy...

On December 3, at the beginning of the Thursday Community Mass, the Holy Door was created and sealed by Jim Strommer with the Passionists present among the faithful. The door remained sealed until December 13, when the community gathered once more with celebrant Tom Bonacci, to take their first steps through the Holy Door with great reverence and rejoicing. Delegates from each of the eight parishes in the deanery filled the chapel!



Alfonso San Juan and Jim Strommer seal the Holy Door on December 3.



Participants gathered for Mass after the opening of the Holy Door.



Clemente Barrón, Jim Strommer and Tom Bonacci open the Holy Door on December 13.