



# Holy Cross Province News

July 2016

## July Birthdays

- 2 Blaise Czaja
- 17 Chris Gibson
- 18 Frank Keenan
- 19 John Patrick Day
- 21 Jim Griffith
- 24 Bob Weiss
- 25 John Schork
- 26 Joe Moons
- 27 Joseph Barbieri

## Professions

- 1 John Baptist Ormechea  
Bob Weiss
- 8 Larry Finn  
John Monzyk  
John Schork
- 9 Peter Berendt  
Ward Biddle  
Ron Corl  
Blaise Czaja  
Randal Joyce  
Frank Keenan  
Leonard Kosatka  
Emmet Linden  
Denis McGowan  
Eric Meyer  
Kenneth O'Malley  
Alan Phillip  
Don Senior  
Joe VanLeeuwen

## Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets in Park Ridge, Illinois, July 11-13.
- Mike Higgins' sister-in-law, Kim Higgins, died on June 28. Kim was married to Mike's younger brother, Tim. Kim designated Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, where Mike is the retreat director, as the recipient of donations made in her name. [Click here](#) if you would like to make a gift to Mater Dolorosa to honor Kim. Please keep Kim, Tim, Mike and their families in your prayers.
- St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan, is hosting its 30th Annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, July 27, at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.
- St. Vincent Strambi Community in Chicago is hosting a farewell party for Sebastian MacDonald on Thursday, July 14, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. After more than 20 years in Chicago, Sebastian is moving to Louisville at the end of July.
- Province Health and Aging Advisory Board meets for several days at the beginning of July.
- After almost six years as a pastoral minister at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Kim Valdez has left her position as of July 1. We wish Kim, her husband, Paul, and baby Gemma all the best in the future!

### LOOKING FORWARD...

**July 4**  
Independence Day (USA)

**July 6**  
Feast of St. Maria Goretti

**July 9**  
Mary, Mother of Holy Hope

**July 24**  
Blessed Niceforo Tejerino, CP,  
and his 25 martyr companions of  
Daimiel

## Professions (cont'd)

- 12 Pat Brennan  
John Patrick Day  
Jim Griffith  
Don Webber
- 21 Richard Thomson
- 22 Clemente Barrón  
Arthur Carrillo  
Mike Higgins  
Ronan Newbold  
Richard Parks  
Alex Steinmiller  
Jim Strommer

## Ordinations

- 3 Alfonso San Juan
- 8 John Patrick Day



*St. Maria Goretti*

## Photo Ops...

Cedric Pisegna will preach at the Mass live on EWTN, Monday, August 8, at 7 a.m. Central Time. The Mass will be broadcast 4 times that day. He will also be live on *Praise the Lord* on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), Thursday, October 27, at 10 p.m., Eastern Time.



Robin Ryan found a summer job cutting grass at St. Vincent Strambi Community to supplement his teaching income!



Prior to the start of the Province Assembly, our own Passionist "Fab Five" had the chance to tour the city of Detroit.



(l-r): Febin Barose, Giltus Mathias, Sam Divine and Phillip Donlan. Juan Gonzalez is behind the camera!

Chris Gibson added some Argentine flavor to the 4th of July BBQ at St. Vincent Strambi Community.



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## Vocations...

Chris Gibson and Juan Gonzalez will participate in the “Vengan y Veán” retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, Houston, July 8-10. Chris will attend the “Life Awareness” vocational retreat with Ronan Newbold and Phillip Donlan, July 22-24. Our local Passionists will be present as their schedules allow. Follow-up with potential candidates will take place during Chris’ visit to Houston.

The summer months provide a great opportunity to discuss religious vocations with young people who are home from college. Asking them, “Have you ever considered...?” might open the door to a deeper conversation.

Chris Gibson has updated vocation brochures to share with interested young adults, or encourage them to visit our website. If you need brochures, please contact Chris at 773-266-1942 or [cgibsoncp@gmail.com](mailto:cgibsoncp@gmail.com).

Juan Gonzalez is doing pastoral ministry for part of the summer at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center in Houston, Texas. Juan will also be working with Cesar Prada, Director of Spanish Ministry, conducting some retreats and workshops in Spanish.



Juan Gonzalez (front, center), with the group from the Spiritual Formation for Spanish-speaking Young Adults.

Please keep Sam Divine in your prayers as he enters the final weeks of his novitiate and prepares to profess First Vows on Monday, August 15.



Sam Divine at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, California.



## Province Assembly...

### St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center, Detroit, Michigan

Our Passionist Family from around the province gathered at St. Paul's for the annual Province Assembly, June 14-16. The theme this year was *Celebrating Laudato Si!* We were privileged to have Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Co-directors of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University as speakers. Mary Evelyn and John presented, in detail, Pope Francis' Encyclical on the *Care of our Common Home*. They both studied world religions with Thomas Berry in graduate school and worked closely with him for 30 years.



Joe Mitchell, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim and Joe Moons.



Barbara Ayers, R.N., was honored for her many years of dedicated and compassionate nursing care of our men in the province.



After each presentation, small groups discussed one thing they learned and one question they still had left unanswered.



Ordination Jubilarians Cedric Pisegna (25) and Eric Meyer (50) celebrated the Jubilee Mass. Unfortunately, Ron Corl (50) was unable to attend the Assembly.



Alan Phillip brought the house down with his jokes at the dinner celebrating Cedric's and Eric's jubilees.



Elizabeth Velarde, Kurt Wernert and Sierra Rose Brennan enjoy the beautiful weather in the courtyard.