



Holy Cross Province News

March 2016

March Birthdays

- 13 Bruno D'Souza
- 18 Ward Biddle
Randal Joyce
- 25 Tu-Jin Paul Kim
- 26 Eric Meyer

Professions

- 5 Jorge Stanfield

Ordinations

- 26 Denis McGowan

LOOKING FORWARD...

March 17
Feast of St. Patrick

March 19
Feast of St. Joseph

March 20
Palm Sunday

March 25
Good Friday

March 27
Easter Sunday

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Updates...

- The Provincial Council meets March 8-10, in Park Ridge.
- Please keep Tim O'Brien and his family in your prayers. Tim's daughter, Vanessa, died February 18 after a long illness. Tim is the current Chair of the Province Investment Advisory Committee and a longtime friend of Holy Cross Province.
- During Lent, John Schork is leading a weekly discussion group on Wednesday evenings. The group is using the Lent 4.2 program created by Joe Mitchell and the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center.
- Don Senior and Robin Ryan are leading a Spring Lecture Series, *The Cross in Scripture and Theology*, on Tuesday evenings at CTU.
- Please keep Al Melkerson, who died on February 19, in your prayers. Al was on the Board of Directors and President of Stauros for many years.
- Please keep Penny Jaworski in your prayers. Penny died on February 25. A wake will take place at Immaculate Conception Parish in Chicago on Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Alan Phillip will preside. Penny was active in youth ministry at IC Parish for a number of years. She was a founding member of the Community of Passionist Partners in the Chicago area during the 1990s.
- The Thomas Berry Foundation has created a beautiful new website. Focused on the life and work of the late Thomas Berry, the website includes biographical information, extensive links to books, essays, videos, audio and other content. Please visit thomasberry.org for more information.
- Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center recently launched their newly redesigned website at holynameretreatcenter.com. The site reflects the retreatants' input to connect more easily with the center. The website has streamlined menus, simple navigation, and easy access to information. Registering for a program or retreat is now easier than ever! Thanks to Deacon James Anderson and Kim Valdez for the new design!



What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later. ~John 13:7 (NABRE)

Vocations...

The weekend of February 13-14, Chris Gibson and Alfredo Ocampo hosted Soo Hoon Hur and Patrick Saint-Jean, from Haiti, who is currently studying at CTU. The weekend proved to be a very positive time together. Soo Hoon is preparing to possibly join us in August.

On Sunday, February 21, a vocations meeting was held via Skype with two of our prospects: Aaron, from San Antonio, TX; and Soo Hoon, from Arlington Heights, IL. The focus was on different stages of formation. Phillip Donlan (resident), Samuel Divine (novice) and Juan Gonzalez, (professed student), were invited to participate. It was a good experience for all.



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

Farewell...

St. Paul of the Cross Community in Detroit held a farewell luncheon for Bill Baalman on Tuesday, February 2. Present were members of the local Passionist community, staff of St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center, and close friends of Bill's. Bill has been in Detroit for over twenty years. He moved to our assisted living facility at Sacred Heart Retreat in Louisville on February 11.



Visitation...



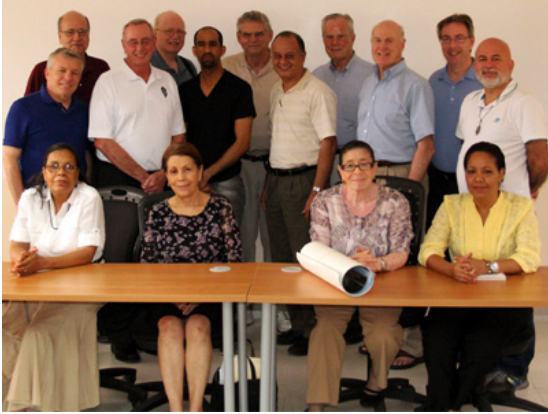
Joe Moons conducted visitation with St. Paul's Community in Detroit. *(l-r): Joe Moons, Phil Paxton, Jim Griffith, Pat Brennan, Ray Sanchez, Randal Joyce, Peter Berendt and Bill Baalman.*



While in Park Ridge for Provincial Council meetings, Joe Moons had the chance to meet with Frank Keenan at Presence St. Benedict's Nursing Home.

Inter-Provincial Council Meeting...

The annual meeting of Passionist Leadership from the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico/Dominican Republic was hosted by the Vice-Province of Our Lady of Peace, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The meeting provides the opportunity for the leadership to work together on common issues, especially in matters of religious formation and shared ministries. It is also an occasion to get to know more about the history, culture and Catholicity of the host country.



A panel presentation was held by St. Matthias Parish mission team leaders. Passionists are (l-r): Bob Joerger, Jim Strommer, Paul Wierichs, Phil Paxton, Genelio García Antigua, Joe Moons, José Ramón Montañez, Lucian Clark, Alex Steinmiller, David Colhour and Angel Pérez.



David Colhour presided at the bi-lingual Mass celebrated at St. Matthias Parish.



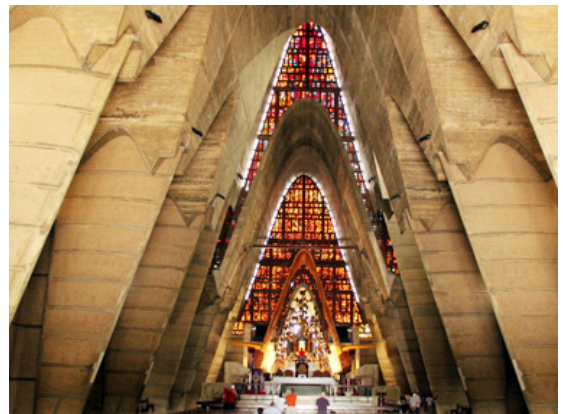
St. Matthias Parish hosted the guests at a “Dominican Folklore, History and Meal” celebration. Traditional dances were featured.



The Councils visited the Kindergarten at St. Gabriel’s “Colegio” [pre-K through high school], which the Passionists operate in Santo Domingo.



Senior students sat with their faculty and guests for a question and answer session. The students were impressive for their candor, self-confidence and respect for one another.



The Councils went on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Grace (Altagracia), the patroness of the Dominican Republic.