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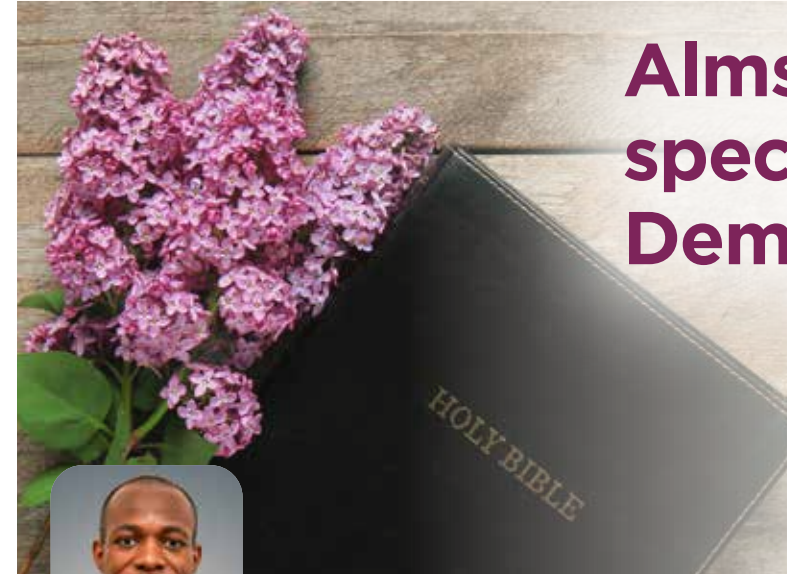
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Almsgiving during Lent holds special significance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Each year, from Ash Wednesday through the Easter Vigil of the Resurrection, the faithful in the Congo—like all Catholics around the world—enter the 40-day Lenten season. During this time, they prepare as much as possible for the Easter celebration, for it is a time to solemnly begin the obligations of the Church.



By Fr. Moïse Kasereka Kisonia, osc

The season opens with Ash Wednesday, when the symbol of the cross is marked on the foreheads of Christians, a significant sign that reminds them that they are from dust and will return to dust—a proof of absolute humility.

On this day, many Catholics storm the various churches throughout the day to receive ashes. Located in central Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo is the second-largest country in Africa after Algeria. With a population of 96,956,000 people, the majority are Catholics, and they value the Lenten season. Several masses are said in parishes and places of prayer to allow the faithful to better begin this time of prayer, fasting and sharing. For all the celebrations, the churches are packed. Children, young people and adults don't want to miss this Eucharistic celebration. The imposition of ashes is a very important moment and attracts all categories of people including devout Catholics, those moderately so and even non practicing. This rite, which allows the priest to mark the forehead of the faithful with a little ash from dried and burnt branches, recalls the fragility of being human but also the mercy of God. In this way, Lent is a favorable time to enter God's fight to save us through prayer, fasting and sharing.

Lent asks us to find time to offer a few moments of prayerful intimacy with God and to more frequently listen to the Word of God. It is an opportunity to enter the silence of our lives to emerge victorious. The Congolese participate more actively in the liturgy of the Church. It is a precious time to attend the Stations of the Cross every Friday and an opportunity to live the Liturgy of the Hours.



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Crosiers share the fruits of fasting with prisoners in Lubero, the Congo.

CUARESMA EN LA REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DEL CONGO

— *Por el P. Moïse Kasereka Kisonia, osc*

Cada año, desde el miércoles de Ceniza hasta la Vigilia Pascual de Resurrección, los fieles del Congo -como todos los católicos del mundo- inician los 40 días del tiempo de Cuaresma. Durante este tiempo, se preparan lo mejor posible para la celebración de la Pascua, pues es el momento de comenzar solemnemente las obligaciones de la Iglesia. La temporada inicia con el miércoles de ceniza, cuando el símbolo de la cruz se marca en la frente de los cristianos, un signo significativo que les recuerda que

proceden del polvo y volverán al polvo, una prueba de humildad absoluta. En este día, son muchos los católicos que invaden las iglesias durante todo el día para recibir la ceniza. Situado en África central, el Congo es el segundo país más grande de África después de Argelia. Con una población de 96.956.000 habitantes, la mayoría son católicos y valoran el tiempo de Cuaresma. Se celebran varias misas en parroquias y lugares de oración para que los fieles católicos puedan iniciar mejor este tiempo de oración, ayuno y compartir.

Para todas las celebraciones, las iglesias están abarrotadas. Niños, jóvenes y adultos no quieren perderse esta celebración eucarística. La imposición de la ceniza es un momento muy importante y atrae a las iglesias a todas las categorías de personas: católicos devotos, moderadamente católicos e incluso no practicantes. Este rito, que permite al sacerdote marcar la frente de los fieles con un poco de ceniza de ramas secas y quemadas, recuerda la fragilidad del ser humano, pero también la misericordia de Dios. De este modo, la

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CROSIERS IN PHOENIX CELEBRATE LIFE IN THE NEW PRIORY



By Fr. Tom Enneking, osc

In the last issue of “Crossview,” we shared the good news of the completion of our new priory and wonderful dedication on Sept. 10. Since then, lots of people have asked, “So, what’s it like living in the new priory?” I suspect they are not the only ones with that question, so I thought I would share some of our experiences since we moved into the new building.

We are familiar with the expression, “All roads lead to Rome.” In a similar way we can say, “All roads lead to the new priory!” We built the priory, in part, to draw Crosiers together in our day-to-day routines to foster our fraternal life and bonds. It symbolizes our community, our ideas of gathering, hospitality, socializing and dining. The new living and dining rooms are warm and lovely welcoming spaces that invite the Crosiers to gather and linger in fraternal time and conversation. Beyond our own community, it has been a special treat to finally be able to welcome guests to our home for prayer, social and dinner as we have room to accommodate others. We put the daily paper in the study where confreres can remain up to date with current affairs, and we have a parlor that serves as a common TV room. These spaces encourage confreres to come together for interaction and fraternal living.

Kitchens are natural gathering places in the ebb and flow of the day. The priory kitchen has ample space for us to prepare breakfast and lunch for ourselves. It contains what we need for our afternoon social after Evening Prayer, so it becomes a natural place of interaction as

we pick up a refreshment or snack for our recreation together. It also has ample cabinet space for storing all the usual things needed for preparing meals. We designed it with the “work triangle” in mind that cooks find helpful when preparing meals: sink, stove and refrigerator. All are near one another, and the stainless-steel table provides ample workspace for preparing meals.

As you know, we live in three different residences at Crosier Village with six confreres living in the priory and six in each of the two homes that are contiguous to our property. For those living in the priory, it is proving to be a place of quiet and reflection—a place to call home. I recall having a conversation with the architect during the design phase of the priory project. We discussed the contemplative dimension of Crosier Religious Life that calls for a quiet space for prayer and reflection. The architect worked intently on that aspect of our life, incorporating good insulation and flooring to significantly limit noise and sound. My room is on Southern Avenue, which is a very busy street. I am pleased that the street sounds are much reduced so that I can read, study, pray and sleep without much notice of the traffic noise. There are the occasional emergency vehicle sirens that are hard to miss, but overall, the design of the building has achieved our desired level of quiet space to foster the spiritual dimension of our religious life. The quiet nature of the priory helps create a leisurely atmosphere and spirit of calm. Living in such a setting fosters a tranquil spirit within the Crosiers, enabling us to be present to others in their time of need.

Some confreres enjoy the noise of the city. It is not overwhelming but creates the awareness that we are surrounded by a broader community that is alive and active. We are embedded in the community to minister and serve as best we can. Our tradition as canons regular is reflected in this blend of contemplative and active dimensions of our life; the surrounding noise reminds us that we are called to respond where human needs call out to us.

It is very interesting to notice the individual character to confreres’ bedrooms. Each of us has arranged and decorated our bedrooms in a way that suits us and reflects who we are. There are personal mementos, photos of family members or memorable gatherings, plants, pictures on the walls, bookshelves that reflect our reading interests and even a water feature! For the older members, having their own bathrooms is most helpful.

The beauty of our home is striking. Thanks to the many people who contributed to the building of the priory, we have a warm, welcoming and lovely home for our community. We are still living into our new space and expect that we will continue to add the fine touches that make a house a home. We look forward to welcoming our friends and benefactors to enjoy the fruit of their generosity and kindness to us. ✠

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CROSIERS EN PHOENIX CELEBRAN LA VIDA EN EL NUEVO PRIORATO

Por el P. Tom Enneking, osc

En la última edición de “Crossview”, compartimos la buena noticia de la finalización de nuestro nuevo priorato y su maravillosa dedicación el 10 de septiembre. Desde entonces, mucha gente nos ha preguntado: “¿Cómo es vivir en el nuevo priorato?”. Sospecho que no son los únicos que se hacen esa pregunta, así que he pensado compartir algunas de nuestras experiencias desde que nos mudamos al nuevo edificio.

Construimos el priorato, en parte, para reunir a los Crosiers en nuestras rutinas diarias y fomentar nuestra vida fraterna y nuestros lazos. Simboliza nuestra comunidad, nuestras ideas de reunión, hospitalidad, socialización y comedor. Los nuevos salones y comedores son espacios acogedores, cálidos y encantadores que invitan a los Crosiers a reunirse y entretenerse en momentos y conversaciones fraternales. Más allá de nuestra propia comunidad, ha sido un placer especial poder por fin recibir invitados en nuestra casa para rezar, socializar y cenar, ya que tenemos espacio para alojarlos. Colocamos el periódico en el estudio, donde los cohermanos pueden estar al día de la actualidad, y tenemos un salón que sirve de sala de televisión.

La cocina del priorato tiene espacio de sobra para que preparemos el desayuno y la comida. Contiene lo que necesitamos para nuestra convivencia después de la Oración Vespertina, por lo que se convierte en un lugar natural de interacción entre nosotros cuando recogemos un refresco o un tentempié para nuestro tiempo de esparcimiento juntos. Hemos diseñado la cocina de modo que el fregadero, los fogones y el refrigerador estén cerca unos de otros, lo que hace más eficaz la preparación de las comidas, y la mesa de acero inoxidable ofrece un amplio espacio de trabajo para preparar las comidas.

Como ya saben, vivimos en tres residencias diferentes en Crosier Village. Seis cohermanos viven en el priorato y seis en cada una de las dos casas adyacentes a nuestra propiedad. Para los que viven en el priorato, es un lugar de tranquilidad y reflexión, un lugar al que llamar hogar. Recuerdo una conversación con el arquitecto durante la fase de diseño del proyecto del priorato. Hablamos de la dimensión contemplativa de la vida religiosa de Crosier, que exige un espacio tranquilo para la oración y la reflexión. El arquitecto trabajó intensamente en ese aspecto de nuestra vida, incorporando un buen aislamiento y suelos para limitar significativamente el ruido y el sonido. Mi habitación da a Southern Avenue, una calle muy transitada. Me alegro de que los ruidos de la calle se hayan reducido mucho, lo que me permite leer, estudiar, rezar y dormir sin notar mucho el ruido del tráfico. De vez en cuando se oyen las sirenas de los vehículos de emergencia, pero, en general, el diseño del edificio ha conseguido el nivel de tranquilidad que deseábamos para fomentar la dimensión espiritual de nuestra vida religiosa. Vivir en un entorno así fomenta un espíritu de calma y tranquilidad dentro de los Crosiers, lo que nos permite estar presentes en los momentos de necesidad de los demás.

Algunos cohermanos disfrutan del ruido de la ciudad. No es agobiante, pero crea la conciencia de que estamos rodeados de una comunidad más amplia que está viva y activa. Estamos integrados en la comunidad para atender y servir lo mejor que podamos. Nuestra tradición como canónigos regulares se refleja en esta mezcla de dimensiones contemplativas y activas de nuestra vida; el ruido de nuestro entorno nos recuerda que estamos llamados a responder allí donde las necesidades humanas nos llaman.

Es muy interesante observar el carácter individual de las habitaciones de los cohermanos. Cada uno de nosotros ha organizado y decorado su dormitorio de una manera que se adapta a nosotros y refleja un poco quiénes somos. Hay recuerdos personales, fotos de miembros de la familia o de reuniones memorables, plantas, cuadros en las paredes, estanterías que reflejan nuestros intereses de lectura e incluso una fuente de agua. Para los mayores, tener su propio cuarto de baño es muy útil.

La belleza de nuestra casa es impresionante. Gracias a las muchas personas que contribuyeron a la construcción del priorato, tenemos un hogar cálido, acogedor y encantador para nuestra comunidad. Estamos deseando recibir a nuestros amigos y benefactores para disfrutar del fruto de su generosidad y amabilidad con nosotros.



Pastoral in-service offers Br. Marcos Leles, osc, an opportunity to both learn and teach

By Br. Marcos Leles, osc

Canons regular have education at their root and, in ancient times, taught in cathedrals. They were men who taught through their example, through books and through the Liturgy of the Hours. As a canon regular, I also have the experience of educating through my example, my charism and through my formation so far, but I am also a student who is always learning.

In Crosier history, there were several occasions where we had specific missions in schools. Even today, we are called to educate new generations through the schools we manage and the training given in our priories and retreat houses. I write from a Brazilian context where the college, in our community in Brazil, has had many generations attend, and many more will continue to do so. Our school offers something different to educate young people for life.

In this context of education, I was a teacher for some time in Brazil and had the joy of working in public and private schools. Every student wants to learn, but he or she can teach us a lot as well. Here in the United States, I had the opportunity to discover another educational field. During the fall semester, I worked at a kindergarten where students develop their foundation to learn. The Holy Trinity School in Pierz, Minnesota, welcomed me so that I could fulfill my field education. This component is required for all

seminarians who are in training for the priesthood or diaconate, along with pastoral work in a parish, in a school or in a missionary activity. The good Lord opened the doors of the Santissima Trindade (Holy Trinity) School so that I could have this incredible experience!

I had the opportunity to talk to the director of the school, who greatly helped me get to know the style of education in the United States, the profile of the school and the students. Also, each teacher was important in my work, giving me ideas on how to improve my presentations, offering opinions on which materials would be more effective and above all, helping me to speak English better. The teachers and students alike helped me to grow in my language skills.

In conversation with the school director, I prepared some topics to be worked on with the students such as family, mission, bible and prayer. In the training work with the teachers, the school already had a material guide, so I simply helped

explain the material and bring new ideas about the catechism, the Bible, prayer life and being Catholic today. To end my time at school, one of the last activities was to give the students a paper star on which they would write a request to the baby Jesus. I brought the stars with me to the Crosier community in Onamia, and we prayed over them together so that the stars shined, guiding Jesus to each student.

Having completed my field education, I already miss the time in the classroom. I will carry each student and each teacher in my heart. May the Holy Trinity bless the school and each student who attends it. As I move forward toward the next step in my academic and pastoral training, I continue to be a student in our Father’s school, and with each step taken, new knowledge opens. ✠

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Valley man reflects on Crosier impact in South Phoenix

Occasionally, friends, donors and greater Phoenix community members send beautiful, heartfelt notes about their experiences with the Crosiers and Crosier charism. We are so grateful to share a recent one with you!

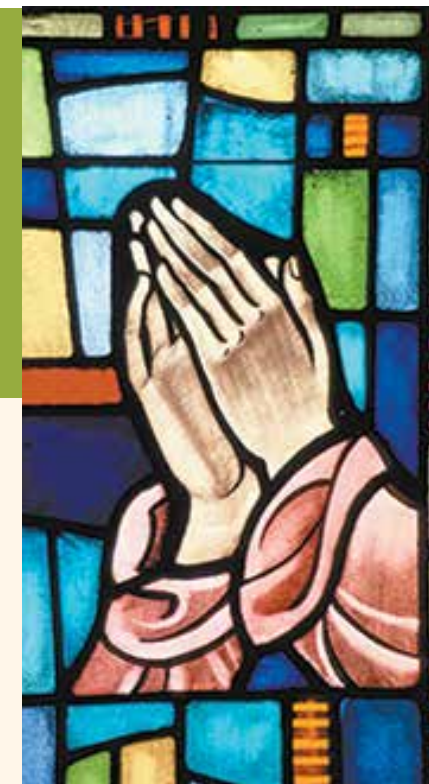
Greetings Father Tom!

Since joining the community this past summer for Sunday and occasional weekday liturgical celebrations, I have found the community and your presence in South Phoenix to be amazingly Gospel-vibrant, Spirit-filled and spiritually uplifting! I drive motorcoaches on a p/t basis as a retirement gig for a small family-owned transportation company which regularly takes me out of town, and I miss the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass when not able to be present.

Use the enclosed check however needed for the community. As long as I am working, I can manage the extra to help support the Crosier charism.

May Our Lord continue to bless your community as we celebrate this Holy Season & soon begin the New Year of 2023!

*God Bless,
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Fr. Trudo Kamwira, osc, distributes ashes at Mulo Parish in the Congo.

voluntariamente a un alimento concreto como el azúcar, el café, el alcohol, la carne, etc. Algunos se saltan el desayuno o la comida todos los días hasta el final de la Cuaresma para expresar su unidad con la gente que no tiene suficiente para comer. Otros hacen una caja de Cuaresma llena de todo lo que ahorran como resultado del ayuno y lo comparten con los vulnerables y los presos.

Como ocasión preciosa de caridad, la mayoría de los católicos del Congo no pueden terminar estos 40 días sin compartir con los necesitados. La Cuaresma debe impulsarnos a ser caritativos con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. El verdadero sentido de la oración y del ayuno debe estimularnos a todos a abrir nuestro corazón a las necesidades de los demás para compartir con Cristo la comida festiva de la Pascua.

La Cuaresma se vive plenamente cuando se considera en sus tres dimensiones: oración, ayuno y compartir. Son muchas las acciones que se llevan a cabo en las parroquias y diócesis durante estos 40 días para ayudarnos a compartir con el prójimo. Que este tiempo de Cuaresma sea una hermosa experiencia para todos -a través del Vía Crucis- hacia la Pascua. ✠



Parishioners in the Congo participate in the Veneration of the Cross.

FR. ALEX, OSC, SERVES AS SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE



By Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc

Last July, I was blessed to serve as spiritual director for a pilgrimage through Europe that ended in seeing the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

The tour began in Poland where we visited places devoted to two of my favorite saints—St. Pope John Paul II and St. Faustina. In Wadowice, the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul II, we visited the museum dedicated to his life. In the afternoon, we went to “old” Krakow and spent time in Krakow Square where I felt a peacefulness throughout this beautiful old city. Incidentally, we were told there were refugees living in Poland who fled the war in Ukraine and heard some Ukrainian teenagers speak about the war. However, there was not one refugee camp. The Polish people took the refugees into their homes—what a Christian witness!

The next morning, we travelled to **Lagiewniki**, where the message of the Divine Mercy originated, given by Christ himself to St. Faustina. We walked the grounds of the convent, saw her tomb and stood under her bedroom window where she lived her days and prayed. I had the privilege of celebrating Mass in her chapel.

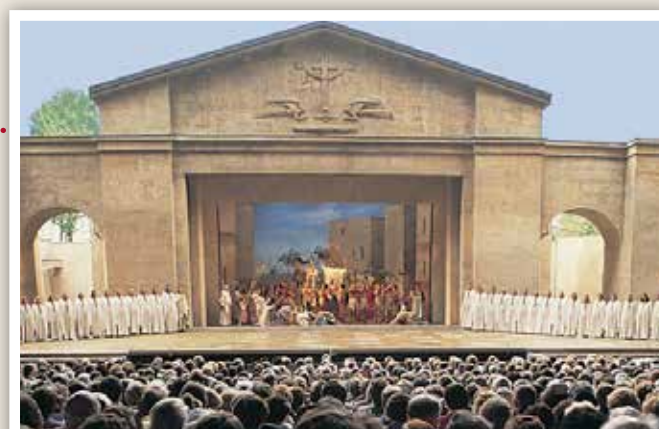
The afternoon was far more somber and heart-wrenching. We went to the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau. Walking through the gate that led into Auschwitz was chilling. Seeing personal belongings like suitcases, shoes, clothing and even hair from the prisoners was saddening. But the most difficult part was walking through one of the gas chambers. To stand in the very place where so many souls were murdered was haunting. It was frightening to think that such atrocities could be carried out by

human beings. This feeling was only heightened when we got to Birkenau and saw rows and rows of these death chambers. Many of my co-pilgrims did not even want to get off the bus to enter the buildings. It was an emotional afternoon.

The next day, we traveled to the **Czech Republic** and visited the beautiful and most holy shrine, Svata Hora, or holy mountain, where I celebrated Mass. Next, we visited Prague and Vienna celebrating Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Victory, whose image hangs on the wall in our filial priory church in Onamia. The Church of Our Lady of Victory is also home to the statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

We enjoyed a scenic drive to Salzburg the next day and stopped at a little town called Salzkammergut where “The Sound of Music” was filmed. That afternoon, we drove into the Bavarian Alps to Altötting, the main Marian Shrine in Bavaria. I celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Altötting Church, sometimes fondly called the “Our Lady” of Bavaria. After lunch, we headed toward our final destination, Oberammergau.

In 1633, the Oberammergau villagers promised to commemorate the suffering, death and Resurrection of Christ every 10th year, if no villagers would die of the plague anymore. Their prayers were answered by God, and as a result, in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. This promise has been kept to this day.



Audience members solemnly watch The Passion Play on the open-air stage in Oberammergau.

Three thousand tourists from all over the world converged to see this play that started at 2:30 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m. with a three-hour break for dinner. The play was performed in German, but we had the English translation as an accompaniment. It was a grand setting, from the number of performers, to the music, to the singing, to the size of the stage. The performance was beautiful and spectacular, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

We spent the last day of our tour immersed in the sights and sounds of Munich where I celebrated Mass at the Church of Our Lady.

Overall, it was a whirlwind of a tour visiting 12 cities in four countries in 10 days. I enjoyed the warmth of the people, the beauty of each country and the faith that has sustained the people for centuries. It was an experience for which I will always be grateful. ✕

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Wisconsin woman hopes to inspire others to support Crosier mission in Congo

By Fr. Kambale Sambya Zawadi Jean-Marie, osc

Mary Brand has changed the lives of four disabled people and inspired me to provide food to orphans and the disabled as a visible sign of touching suffering with hope. I am honored to share this story about Mary’s kindness.

Fr. Moïse Kisonia, osc, encountered Mary when he was mission preaching in Wisconsin last summer. Mary, has been our supporter ever since because she learned how we are serving those most in need here and around the world. I called Mary to ask her permission to write about her generosity. At first, she was hesitant, but then I explained that because she has touched the lives of people in a significant way, I wanted others to hear about it. After considering what I said, she replied, “Yes, you can tell this story if it can inspire people to join your mission, for I was also touched by what you are doing.”

Mary’s gift supported four disabled people in our parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in the Congo. These people were so very happy because, for the first time in their lives, they will have wheelchairs to help them get around and be part of the community. “What a big change!” said people around them. Children were also curious to see and touch the wheelchairs as they had never seen one before in their village.

Seeing images of people who have been disabled since childhood who now move without struggling too much fills my heart with joy. This was possible because of the generosity of Mary Brand. Isn’t this wonderful?!

In addition, one of the disabled people said in my language of Swahili, “Mungu amujalie baraka tele,” which means “God bless her abundantly.” Pastor Trudo Kamwira, osc, shared his own thanks: “We are writing to express our gratitude. We are very grateful to you, Mary, and wish to thank you for your kindness toward our parishioners, namely *Kahambu, Mumbere Vagheni, Kakule Kipasa and Kighoma Erasme who were formerly helpless and unable to move from their homes. We do testify that the rolling-chairs that you provided have soothed their pain of being immobile, and you have brought consolation not only to them, but also to their family members and to ourselves who are their spiritual pastors. With them we are repeating and singing the words of the psalm, ‘What shall I render to the Lord for all these benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord’ (PS 116).*”

It is through the support of Mary and our other generous donors and benefactors who support our missions that we can bring hope to those are suffering and serve others less fortunate. I invite you to join our Crosier Apostolate so that we can

continue to transform the lives of the many people we serve.

Inspired by Mary’s generosity, we would like to initiate a project at Salisa Bana School in the Congo of providing not only wheelchairs to the disabled, but also food for those who cannot work because of disability. We are hoping to develop an aquaponics farm so that when we assist the disabled people, we can bring them fish and vegetables grown at the school. The aquaponics project (growing fish and vegetables together) will cost \$65,000. This initiative will help not only disabled people but also orphans. It will be a place to learn how to farm. Like Mary, we would like to invite as many people as possible to join our journey to make a great impact for our brothers and sisters who are the most in need in our missions. Together we can do it! Together, we are change-makers! ✕

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Mary Brand



Br. Christopher, osc, reflects on his life as a Crosier novice

Br. Christopher Erran, osc

Being in the second year of my novitiate, I appreciate the opportunity to share my journey thus far with the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross—the Crosier Fathers and Brothers.

The novitiate is an intensive two-year program designed to initiate the novice into the life, mission, spirituality and history of the Crosier Order. The expectation is that I will experience an awareness of God’s call that, through the degree of human and spiritual maturity, will allow me to decide to respond to this call with sufficient and proper responsibility and freedom.

How did I get here? Initially, my interest in and attraction to the Crosier Order was their spirit of hospitality, and the practices of Crosier spirituality found within their charism of daily prayer and the celebration of Mass. In addition to prayer, I found spirituality within their community life. Through living together as brothers and paying attention, I hear God’s voice in the words of the confreres during my one-on-one meetings with them, my postulancy experience, daily interactions, lectures, prayer, daily conventual Eucharist, homilies, community recreation, signs of peace and the sharing of meals together. Another way I have come to understand Crosier spirituality is through the various ministries they offer. Some examples I have participated in that have helped me experience this form of spirituality include parish hospitality, Eucharistic ministry and visiting the elderly, assisting the master of ceremonies for priestly ordinations and solemn professions and serving as lector and acolyte.

Through Crosier Religious Life as a novice, I have been open and committed to intense reflection, learning and discernment regarding the call for my vocation. I have learned to deepen my understanding and love with God’s call and have personally experienced God’s presence and plan for me. Not only has Crosier Religious Life helped me to grow and strengthen my relationship with God, but I have also become more knowledgeable about sacred scripture, Crosier history, culture, ministry and liturgy. I have deepened my love for the Catholic Church and its teachings on consecrated religious life, the catechism and history. I have learned that the goal of a religious living consecrated life is to embrace this identity and responsibility of being part of the Church in this way and to connect and support others in this holiness and union with God.

By actively participating in the conventual liturgy practices, the tremendous support of my direct formator and the education I received, I have grown significantly in understanding God’s love, increasing my relationship and trust in God and his will for my life. Also, I have gained a deeper understanding of how I can integrate these personal experiences and increased knowledge of the Paschal Mystery and celebrations of the Church and its teachings. One significant reading introduced to me in my first year of the novitiate is the book “Wrestling with God, Finding Hope and Meaning in Our Daily Struggles to Be Human.” It allowed me to reflect on the various areas that we as Christians tend to struggle with

daily or within our lifetime such as our faith, doubt, fear, evangelical counsels (chastity, poverty, obedience) and the secular world and culture. One of the most influential and prominent books introduced throughout my first year of the novitiate was the Holy Bible. It was the focal point for bible reflection exercises, group and individual lectio divina sessions and weekly bible study. I gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for the scriptures and the ability to understand, reflect and recognize them when following in Mass, vespers and prayer.

I entered this process with an open mind and with trust in our Lord and the Crosier community. I learned in my formation classes on fraternal life in the community that we stay together in community not because we have chosen one another but because we have been chosen by the Lord to live together for God alone. My fraternal living among men in different stages of their formation and vocation journeys, ages and backgrounds has been successful to this point in my formation. I am confident that I have been respectful and cognizant of the differences, but I don’t allow those differences to limit my opportunity to build relationships and experiences. I believe I have had great moments with each member of our communities in Phoenix and Onamia either in conversation or through a simple act of hospitality and care. I have contributed to fraternal living by being fully present to the community and by giving my confreres my authentic self (talents and strengths). I have fulfilled my responsibilities of care for our living space (weekly cleaning/maintenance), liturgical participation and community building by organizing gatherings and events that have allowed us to come together as a community in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Lastly, my desire to love and serve God through Crosier Religious Life is genuine and inspiring. I understand that I serve as an instrument in building up the Reign of God through Crosier fraternal, liturgical and ministerial life. Since my investiture as a novice, I have fully embraced and participated in community life, the Crosier charism and growing as a builder and leader within it. I made the choice to answer God’s call and “leave all behind” for God alone and to live in community to care and support each other to grow in God’s image. I learn something new each day and will continue to grow in these areas to make my experience more fruitful in my life, increase my ability to live for Christ alone and contribute to the Crosier community as a whole. In my second year, I transitioned to our Phoenix priory, and I look forward to additional opportunities for community, prayer and ministry while continuing to grow in faith, assist in touching suffering with hope and live out the spirituality of the Glorious Cross. ✕

Br. Christopher Erran, osc, is a novice and a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.

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Fr. Bob, osc, reflects on communal spirit during his 60 years of vowed life

By Fr. Jude Verley, osc

On Aug. 28, 2023, Fr. Bob Rossi, osc, will celebrate 60 years as a professed Crosier in the Order of the Holy Cross. Thus began a journey of deepening a love and appreciation for the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

When asked, “What was in your mind as you took the vows 60 years ago?” Fr. Bob responded, “I considered that vows were part of the package for being a religious. When I took the vows, I was aware there were obligations and that I was committing myself religiously, but to say that I fully understood with great clarity what they meant, that I did not have. But if one wanted to be a Crosier, you took vows.”

As did men in formation live in their early years, Fr. Bob lived a more sheltered life. Yet, he said the Crosiers were reminded over and over again about the importance of the vows and commitment to them. He acknowledged, “Commitment to them did not come from the depth of my heart.”

One great deepening of vows came when he was “shepherding” others in their own vows in his later ministries as a prior, prior provincial and formation director—particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He acknowledged he was more reflective and conscious of the vows and how he was living them. It was part of his personal formation of passing on to Crosiers—both those professed and those in formation—something decent and respectful. Fr. Bob had a sense of great responsibility in doing this.

At that time, Fr. Bob found himself diving into the Crosier Constitutions and other sources to help himself gain better insight into the vows as a fellow Crosier with other confreres.

Living in Indonesia, the Congo and Brazil formed him even more in his vows. He found himself sharing with others how “the vows are our way of life.” He felt he had to speak with integrity and with a personal life consistent with what it meant to be a Crosier.

As the years have gone by, Fr. Bob continues to reflect on the Crosier approach to vows. He realizes now that the vows are about other people and our relationship with them.

This is always taking into account the Kingdom of God. What is the goodness in the vows for this Kingdom of God? What do they mean for the Kingdom? As Fr. Bob moves into the future, he asks himself how his role in the Order fits into the Kingdom of God and how he is part of the Kingdom as a vowed Crosier religious. That is important.

This recent discovery of connecting vowed life with the Kingdom has made an enormous difference in Fr. Bob’s life with regard to everything: vows, Crosier living, Crosier ministry, etc.

Fr. Bob often wonders about the evolution of other people regarding the vows. He wonders how many are still back in the “institutional days” because there is an institutional dimension to the vows. There is also a very personal approach to them and the other broader aspect: “What this is all about is bigger than the institution, bigger than my person, even bigger than the Crosier Order—bigger than even the Church in terms of the Kingdom.” He wonders how many go through this evolution and feels it is essential that we evolve.

As Fr. Bob reflects on the vows in his life, he realizes they are very much linked to who we Crosiers are as a community. It’s more than personal piety but has to do with the communal aspect of our life as Crosiers.

After 60 years of vowed life, Fr. Bob has certainly evolved and will continue to do so. May his life as a vowed professed Crosier bring him many blessings. ✠

Fr. Jude Verley, osc, is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.



Fr. Bob Rossi, osc



FR. ERNIE CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF CROSIER RELIGIOUS LIFE

By Fr. Virgil Petermeier, osc

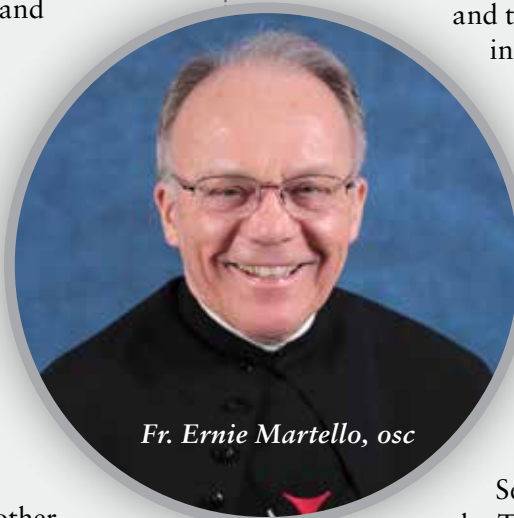
I invited my confrere, Fr. Ernie Martello, osc, to reflect on his life as a Crosier. His resulting story, which he permitted me to edit, describes his religious journey of fulfilling his vows professed on Aug. 28, 1963.

Fr. Ernie recounted, “I served as a priest and teacher at our minor seminary and community in Onamia, Minnesota. At the same time, I wondered if I might do better in a contemplative community like the Trappists.

During this time, I had a dream. I was being smothered to death by a heavy blanket. As I struggled to breathe, I woke up and said, ‘This is symbolic of my life in the Order—it’s tough.’ I fell asleep and had another dream. I was drowning in the ocean and then a huge ship came alongside me. Someone threw out a life preserver and pulled me to safety. I woke up immediately and said, ‘My life must be in the Order. It is saving me.’

Later, I put both dreams together and realized that although Crosier life was tough, it was saving me. God wanted me in this Order. I never again gave any thought to becoming a cloistered monk.

Why was Crosier life tough? Underneath my good motivation to be a Crosier, I began realizing that I also was running away from life. I needed to become my real self, love myself, have confidence in myself and truly learn to give myself in service to others. I had a lot of growing up to do.



Fr. Ernie Martello, osc

A little book that has helped me repeatedly throughout the past 40 years to live with the thorns on the beautiful flower I am is ‘The Way of Tenderness’ by Fr. Kevin O’Shea. More recently, the book ‘New Seeds of Contemplation’ by Trappist monk Thomas Merton has helped me see that I need further conversion, although conversion has been happening all my Crosier life.

As I vowed 60 years ago, I have been obedient to God by living Crosier life. All the while, I have been carrying the cross that is me, my life and my conversion.

I always lived in the larger communities of our Order, except for two years in St. Cloud, Minnesota. There I directed a college residency program for men interested in our Order. After ordination and some years of administrative work, I found my niche in teaching. For more than 30 years, I taught in high school and college. Eighteen of these years were in what later became a Crosier province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I had the privilege to know the beauty and goodness of my Congolese confreres and the many personalities I encountered.

Retired and 80, I continue living the Crosier life of fraternity, prayer and ministry in our filial priory at Onamia. I do spiritual direction and occasionally assist in parishes. In helping to better our environment, I returned to my former hobby of beekeeping!

As our Crosier community life continues to develop, so do I, by striving to be obedient to God as I vowed 60 years ago.” ✠

Fr. Virgil Petermeier, osc, is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.

Peoples of the Book interfaith dialogue opens minds and hearts

What makes people want to talk—affection, common interest, pain, curiosity, a desire to learn, companionship, fear, a search for hope, a shared project, celebration, or reconciliation?



By Fr. Bob Rossi, osc, with contributions by Fr. Virgil Petermeier, osc



As more than 130 Jewish, Christian and Muslim believers left their homes late Sunday morning, Jan. 8, 2023, and drove to the Diocesan Pastoral Center in the heart of Phoenix, these reasons were surely representative of their motivations. Why were they going there? To participate in the Peoples of the Book interfaith dialogue.

The organizers for this special event included the Crosiers, the SEMA Foundation, Temple Solel and Temple Chai. We facilitated the program from three unique faith perspectives.

Many of the attendees were strangers to one another as they checked in. The multi-faith planning team and other volunteers welcomed them with name tags and program booklets and invited them to take a seat designated for a member of their faith at one of the 15 round tables in the large and welcoming meeting room. At these tables, three believers from each of the three faiths met one another and their trained table facilitators and enjoyed some sweets and snacks, which were respectful of the dietary restrictions of their various traditions.

The dialogue had begun. The meeting room featured large and beautiful editions of the Torah, the Christian Bible and the Quran to view and ask questions about. To help allay whatever questions and anxieties they had as they prepared to talk together, these Jews, Christians and Muslims prayed silently together for a moment and then listened to an orientation that encouraged respectful attention and conversation.

The four-hour interfaith dialogue began with brief presentations, one on each of the three holy books, after which tablemates were asked to talk with one another about the following questions: What struck you about the holy book presented, and what would you like to say to believers about their holy book?

The goodwill was immediately obvious. The sharing flowed spontaneously. Muslim women in head scarfs along with their Muslim brothers turned attentively to listen to Jewish and Christian believers speak about their respective Scriptures. Jewish rabbis, two of whom were women and one a man wearing his yarmulke, sat across the table from Catholic Crosiers in their habits or a priest with Roman collar or a senior Protestant minister. Younger and older people of different faiths leaned in toward one another so as not to miss a word. Sometimes the conversation was quiet and other times quite animated. Brothers and sisters all began to hear and see and feel again the diversity of being family under God. There were smiles and quizzical looks. There were agreeing nods and sometimes touchy questions. The dialogue was happening. And everyone knew that there could be more and hoped for it. They were all Peoples of the Book.



Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, and members of all three faiths actively listen to each other.

Each of the faiths celebrated their Scriptures powerfully and briefly with the assembly. Jewish believers moved through the assembly with the Torah, singing and giving others a chance to touch it joyfully and



Scrolls of the Torah and other items of the Jewish faith were available for participants to view.

be blessed. Christians formed a procession with candles and incense and song to enthrone the Word. A Muslim believer chanted traditional prayer texts from the Quran, and Muslim children sang the 100 names of Allah. No one doubted that each and all were hearing the Divine Voice behind the written Word.

The interfaith dialogue concluded with a brief presentation of five quotes about human dignity from each of the three holy books. The themes touched on the human person in God’s image, the call to love universally and unconditionally, the unity of humanity and God’s blessing granted to all. Further table discussion followed as participants reflected on the following questions: What do we agree on about human dignity, and what can we do together to further human dignity in our world today? The dialogue will no doubt continue.

All 130 participants surely could not have left the Peoples of the Book dialogue without a sense that we had become, for the moment, an image of the human family as it was created by God to be.

Before leaving the conference hall, many table partners spontaneously shared their contact information to enable their conversations and relationships to grow after this event. One hundred twenty participants submitted evaluation sheets, with ninety clearly calling for more dialogue opportunities. Many felt surprised to discover so many similarities between their faiths. Nonetheless, several participants suggested enriching the interchanges by paying more attention to the differences between their faiths. They seemingly trusted that the deep respect and positive intentions exhibited in this event would guarantee peaceful discussions about more sensitive issues as well. To that end, the planning committee is seriously considering another event at which believers of various faiths can share equally about similarities and differences.

Another suggestion raised was to use the good energy and new understandings about one another as an invitation to collaborate in some concrete actions. Our contemporary society and world, which continue to suffer discrimination and violence, need groups who will creatively struggle for boosting human dignity and mutual respect. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all desire that our faiths propel us to build a new and peaceful world. This, and hopefully future dialogue events, will continue to remind us of that important task. ✠

Fr. Bob Rossi, osc, and Fr. Virgil Petermeier, osc, are members of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.

Apostolate members in Onamia and Phoenix celebrate return to in-person gatherings

By Elisabeth Wisthoff

IN ONAMIA

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, was a sunny fall day in Onamia, Minnesota, with nature providing a lovely setting for the Crosiers' annual Apostolate Day. With 175 guests in attendance for Mass, recreation and dinner, it was yet another successful celebration of the deep and lasting bonds between



Fr. John Fleischhacker, osc, happily poses for a family picture in Onamia.

Crosiers and this special group of faithful friends. The afternoon began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Daniel Hernández, osc, and included a special schola (choir) of Fr. Glen Lewandowski, osc; Fr. Moise Kasereka, osc; Br. Paul Daeli, osc; and Gary Feldhege, liturgy coordinator and staff member. Conventual Prior Tom Enneking, osc, spoke of the special bond between the Crosiers and Apostolate members, the appreciation the Crosiers feel for the members and the loving spirit of community all experience.

The celebration continued with a wine and cheese reception hosted by the Crosiers throughout the filial priory—both indoors and out, as well as a delicious chicken dinner served in Holy Cross Center's community room. A joyful, convivial atmosphere permeated throughout and as Fr. Kambale Sambya Zawadi Jean-Marie, osc, and director of development for Onamia commented, "I am so touched by the generosity of all our friends here...I see the Holy Spirit in each of them and am very grateful for their support of our life and work."



Kathy Crowe and Br. Eric Kalimbiriro, osc, smile for the camera.

Dinner was served by teen volunteers from a local parish, whose cheerful faces added another happy dimension to the meal. Throughout the room, Crosiers were thoroughly engaged with so many friends that the smiles and laughter were contagious!



Members enjoying Apostolate Day in Onamia.



A good time was enjoyed by Apostolate members in Onamia.

IN PHOENIX

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, was an unusually rainy day in Phoenix, but that did not dampen the spirits of the guests or Crosiers as they gathered in the Campo Family Community Center for afternoon tea, followed by Advent Vespers. With nearly 200 people in attendance, Campo Hall was decorated in traditional Advent purple, with white poinsettias on each table, surrounded by teacups and saucers of every description! As the tea was poured and traditional finger sandwiches, scones and pastries were served, happy conversation flowed, with everyone celebrating the fact that it was the first in-person Apostolate gathering since 2019.



Apostolate members in Phoenix enjoy afternoon tea.



Fr. Stephan Bauer, osc, chats with Donna Kunkel.



L: Companion Tom Mintzer joins the Crosiers for Evening Prayer.

In fact, Fr. Tom, osc, asked the group, "Isn't this so much nicer than receiving a teabag in the mail?", which drew much laughing agreement. Fr. Tom expressed his appreciation for the Apostolate members and all donors who contribute to the life and ministry of the Crosiers. He invited Apostolate member Tom Kelly to share why he is a committed member of the annual giving program. Tom's remarks were eloquent and touching as he recounted how his discovery of the Crosiers revitalized his own faith. He encouraged guests to join and become part of the extended Crosier community.

As the tea came to an end, the Crosiers led guests into Vespers, singing "Prepare the Way of the Lord." During the service, the reading and intercessions were read by benefactors, which exemplified the close bond between Crosiers and their supporters. As guests left, they each received a 2023 Crosier calendar that commemorates the Order. It is hoped that everyone will mark the first Sunday in Advent—Dec. 3, 2023—and attend the next Apostolate Tea in Phoenix! ✠

Elisabeth Wisthoff is the director of development for the Conventual Priory of the Holy Cross in Phoenix.



Fr. Jude Verley, osc, lights the first candle of Advent

About The Crosier Apostolate

The Crosier Apostolate is the annual giving program that sustains the life and ministry of the Crosiers in the United States. You may join at any time—membership is for 12 months from date of commitment. Members are invited to special events like Apostolate Day and Apostolate Tea, receive commemorative Crosier cross lapel pins and their special intentions are remembered at a weekly Mass. For more information, please contact Elisabeth Wisthoff, Director of Development, at 602-443-7100 or at ewisthoff@crosier.org.



The Crosier Generalate in Rome, home of the master general and the generalate staff along with resident students, maintains its rhythm of Crosier life while offering service to the Order and the Church. Here are some of our recent activities and an update on new members in the community.

Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc, participated in the annual fall meeting of the Union of Superiors General (USG) in November. The meeting focused on the theme "Fratelli Tutti: Called to be Artisans of Peace." Mgr. Paul Richard Gallagher, the Vatican secretary for relations with states and international organizations, gave a presentation on the commitment of the Church in promoting peace in the world. In addition, representatives of religious congregations shared about the promotion of peace and justice in formation for consecrated life. There was also a report from a joint project of the USG and the International Union of Superiors General of women's congregations (UISG) on their commitment to peace, justice and the integration of creation.

At the end of the meeting, the group met with Pope Francis. In his written remarks, he said, "In your Assembly, on the basis of the encyclical Fratelli Tutti, you addressed the theme 'Called to

be artisans of peace.' It is an urgent call that concerns us all, especially consecrated persons: to be artisans of peace, of that peace that the Lord has given us and that makes us all feel like brothers: 'I leave you peace, I give you my peace. Not as the world gives, I give it to you (Jn 14:27).' The peace of Jesus is above all his gift, the fruit of charity, it is never a conquest of man; and, from this gift, it is the harmonious whole of relationships with God, with oneself, with others and with creation."

In other news, Fr. Yohanes Berchmans Rosaryanto (Rosa), osc, was reappointed procurator general for the Order, serving as the liaison between the Order and the Vatican dicasteries (offices), providing required reports, submitting files for personnel cases and obtaining the Vatican approvals for visitor visas for confreres coming to Rome for commissions and other meetings.

Fr. Dave Donnay, osc, was reappointed general economer. Since his arrival in Rome in 2018, he has participated in the Association of English- and French-Speaking General Treasurers, elected this year to serve as the president of the association, which meets four times annually for mutual support and ongoing formation in their service for their respective institutes.



Fr. Joseph Kambale Bwirabwahali, osc, takes a quick picture break from his studies.

Two Crosier students have taken up residence in 2022. Fr. Ferdie "Ilo" Susilo, osc, who spent time in Phoenix from 2018–2020, is studying Greek and Hebrew at the Biblicum, preparing to pursue a licentiate in Bible. Fr. Joseph Kambale Bwirabwahali, osc, arrived in October and is now studying Italian, with the plan to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology. ✠

THE CROSIERS IN ROME WELCOMES GUESTS. Contact Fr. Rosa (rome.community@crocigeri.it) if you plan to visit the Eternal City!



CROSIER WORLD NEWS

Here are the latest news highlights from the Crosiers around the world.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

On Feb. 1, Fr. Kasereka Pataya Charles, osc, was re-elected as prior of the Prieuré de Sainte Odile (Priory of St. Odilia) in the Province of Martyrs de Bondo in Mulo. The three Crosiers elected to serve on the prior's council are Fr. Katembo Tsongo Vincent, osc; Fr. Muhindo Mwenge Georges, osc; and Fr. Kambale Munyenyekevu Amisi, osc.



From left: Frs. Vincent, George, Charles and Amisi rejoice following the priory elections.

INDONESIA

Fr. Vinsensius Juan Novelino Mage (Vinsen), osc, and Fr. Konstantinus Frederikus Jawa (Faried), osc, were ordained to the priesthood Nov. 23, 2022, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Bandung, Indonesia, by Bishop Antonius Subianto Bunjamin, osc.



Center: Fr. Kosman Sianturi, osc, celebrates with Fr. Faried (L) and Fr. Vinsen (R).

BRAZIL

Br. Matheus Resende, osc, made his first profession of vows Jan. 14 at the Priory of Holy Cross in Campo Belo, Brazil.

In a meeting with Pope Francis, Fr. Júlio Resende, osc, and other members of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil, shared the works carried out in Brazil. ✠



Pope Francis chats with Fr. Júlio at the conference in Brazil.

Welcome

The Crosier Apostolate

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Crosier Apostolate who joined Oct. 24, 2022 – Jan. 26, 2023. We hope you will consider adding your name.

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James “Jim” George Moeglein, osc 1943 — 2023

The Crosier Community mourns the loss of our confrere.

James “Jim” George Moeglein, osc, was born Jan. 5, 1943, in Little Falls, Minnesota, to Charles and Agnes (Dullinger) Moeglein. He was one of four children.

He died of cancer on Jan. 22, 2023, at Mille Lacs Health System Long Term Care Facility in Onamia, Minnesota, at the age of 80.

Jim attended St. Mary Elementary School in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Crosier Seminary in Onamia, Minnesota; and St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy. He also attended the Crosier House of Studies in Fort Wayne and Catholic University of America where, in 1970, he earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology. In 1974, he earned a master’s degree in history at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud.

Jim entered the Crosier novitiate in 1963 and made his first profession of vows Aug. 28, 1964, in Hastings, Nebraska, and professed solemn vows in Fort Wayne Aug. 28, 1967.

He was ordained a priest May 31, 1970, in Fort Wayne.

After serving as a deacon at St. Mary Church in St. Cloud and in Ottoville, Ohio, Jim provided weekend assistance in the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis and served as parochial vicar at St. Cyprian Church in Riverview, Michigan, for one year. He was also a faculty and staff member at Crosier Seminary in Onamia. For 10 years, he provided pastoral assistance for the Central Minnesota TEC Program. Jim served as prior of the Crosier Community of Onamia from 1978–1984 and as prior of the Crosier Community of Hastings from 1990–1999. From 2000 until his death, he was assigned to the Crosier Community of Onamia, where he served as the archivist for the Crosiers in the United States and

coordinator of care for the elder Crosiers in Onamia. He also wrote articles for various Crosier publications. In 2002, he was removed from ecclesiastical ministry following a credible report of sexual abuse of a minor and was supervised under a safety plan until his death.

He is survived by his brother, Thomas Moeglein; his sister, Mary Sue (Griff) Duke; his extended family and his Crosier confreres. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Kathryn Gohmann.

Services for Jim were held at the Crosier Priory Church in Onamia on Jan. 17. ✠

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FROM BACK LEFT: Fr. Jean-Marie Vianney, osc, Br. Eric Kalimbiriro, osc, Fr. Daniel Hernández, osc, Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc

FROM FRONT LEFT: Fr. Kosman Sianturi, osc, Br. Paul Daeli, osc, Br. Marcos Leles, osc, Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, Br. Christopher Erran, osc



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65	4.2	83	7.2
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