

LIFE OF ST. ODILIA THROUGH ART

Part 2 of a 4-part series



By Br. Jim
Lewandowski, osc

In part two of this series of St. Odilia's life, I will focus on St. Odilia's voyage and martyrdom. As we know, St. Odilia and many of her friends, including St. Ursula, became Christians. But, besides practicing the faith, the young women also felt another religious calling—one that would ultimately lead to their deaths.



Odilia and her friends decided to make a pilgrimage to Christian religious sites and, particularly, to Rome. It would not have been a trip for just a few weeks or months, but could have taken up to two years to complete. Lillian Asmussen's image (IMAGE 1) portrays Odilia contemplating what the voyage might mean for her and her companions. The churning waves and dark atmosphere almost predict the danger that lies ahead for the pilgrims.

The travelers anticipated a long voyage, and they knew of dangers they could encounter, especially from

pirates who swarmed the waters. They also knew they would have to harbor at various ports along the way to renew their supplies.

Besides the pilgrims and the crew to navigate the ship, they were likely accompanied by attendants, servants and religious leaders to conduct prayer services.

During the trip, St. Odilia and her companions entered the mouth of the Rhine River. Eventually they arrived at Cologne, Germany, where they encountered the Huns, a nomadic and warlike people. We should remember that the area was not particularly Christian, and, in some parts, Christianity was outlawed.

In Lillian Asmussen's rendering (IMAGE 2), we see Odilia, in a confident manner, trying to explain to the leader of the Huns the purpose of the pilgrims' voyage. The Hun's response to Odilia seems clear as his bow is already positioned.

Unfortunately, there was no negotiating with the Huns. Odilia and her companions were ultimately murdered for their faith and virginity. The massacre is said to have occurred around the year 300.



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Interestingly, almost 200 years after this reliquary appeared, another one was made by the famous German painter, Hans Memling image (IMAGE 3). It was meant to house the relics of St. Odilia's companion, St. Ursula, and to tell the story again of the pilgrims and their martyrdom.

This reliquary is much more elaborate, detailed and developed than that of St. Odilia's. In fact, it was this creation that not only added to Memling's reputation as an artist, but it also helped develop the devotion to St. Ursula, St. Odilia and their companions.

Also, the reliquary's side is comprised of not just one, but three scenes of the martyrdom. The middle panel depicts a more graphic and dramatic scene of how Odilia and Ursula were murdered. It also illustrates, as some documents indicate, that the others on board were also killed. ✠



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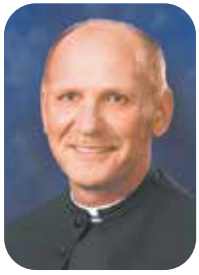
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MAY 2023 MARKS SIGNIFICANT ADVENTURE for Fr. Tom Enneking, osc



By Fr. Tom Enneking, osc

As many of you know, we successfully completed the capital campaign and the construction of our new priory in Phoenix in September of last year. In addition, I survived a

diagnosis of prostate cancer and surgery to remove it in May 2022. So far, the medical reports are positive, and I am feeling great, thanks be to God.

These two realities allowed me to take the month of May this year to serve as director of music for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta, followed by a two-week experience of walking the Camino Primitivo de Santiago in Spain from May 12–24. It was truly a blessing to be able to step away from the usual commitments as major superior of the Crosiers to enjoy these incredibly enriching experiences of human and spiritual encounter.

Every year, the Order of Malta takes 60 individuals and their caregivers to Lourdes in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains in southern France. The Order charters an aircraft with Air Tahiti that flies from Los Angeles to Lourdes. My first experience of this pilgrimage was in 2018 as part of my process to become a chaplain for the Order. In both 2018 and 2019, I shared my musical gifts as a member of the choir to support the liturgical music of the beautiful celebrations that are part of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Lo and behold, in 2020, I received a notice (not an invitation!) that I was to be a part of the leadership team for the pilgrimage serving as director of music. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 pilgrimage was cancelled. We paved the way to return to Lourdes by risking the journey in September 2021 even with the risk of the pandemic still at hand. While some participants contracted COVID-19, we learned from the experience and have returned to the regular



schedule, arriving in Lourdes the Wednesday prior to the first Sunday in May.

This year's pilgrimage was rich in grace and encounter as my confrere, Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, joined us as part of his process to become a chaplain for Malta; he will be the first African priest to do so. I was blessed to have a confrere share in the experience and called on his musical gifts to serve as cantor at several of the liturgical celebrations. The miracles of Lourdes abounded, not necessarily in physical healings, but in graces received that were most needed.

This beautiful time of service to the sick ended May 9. The next day, I traveled by train and bus to Oviedo, Spain, where the Camino Primitivo begins. For those not familiar with the Camino de Santiago, its destination is Santiago de Compostela, a large city just north of the Spanish-Portuguese border. The remains of the Apostle James (Santiago in Spanish) are buried in the cathedral church there, making it a very popular pilgrimage site for centuries. The familiarity and popularity of the Camino was helped by the 2010 movie "The Way" starring Martin Sheen.

There are many "caminos" (paths, ways, roads) to Santiago. There are as many ways to do the Camino as people who feel called to make the journey: on foot (the most common), bicycle or horseback. People do the Camino for a variety of reasons, some spiritual and others more mundane (to take time away, vacation, etc.). My time frame of two weeks helped determine that we would do the Camino Primitivo. It is the oldest of the caminos and one of the most challenging during the first seven days due to the amount of climbing and descending that the terrain entails. Many people begin their Camino as an individual effort, soon forming a sense of community with others who share the journey. Others begin with a group of companions who already know one another. My companions were Juan Moran of Phoenix, Bob Pete of Onamia, Minn., and Hubert Kamps of Wegberg, Germany. Hubert met Juan three years ago when Juan made his first Camino; they have remained close friends ever since.

I focused my Camino experience on three things: 1) thanksgiving for all those who participated so generously in our capital campaign and for the successful completion of the construction of our new priory; 2) thanksgiving for my health after facing prostate cancer and surgery last year, in particular for the medical team that was instrumental to my healing; and 3) prayer for vocations to our religious order so we can continue our mission to touch suffering with hope. I held these three intentions in mind and heart as well as all those who asked for prayers as I prayed on the Camino every day. I invite you to view the daily photos and posts from my journey on my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tenneking. Enjoy the Camino with me! ✕

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MAYO DE 2023 marca una importante aventura para el P. Tom Enneking, osc

Por el P. Tom Enneking, osc

Como muchos de ustedes saben, el pasado mes de septiembre concluimos con éxito la campaña de capital y la construcción de nuestro nuevo priorato en Phoenix. Además, sobreviví a un diagnóstico de cáncer de próstata y la cirugía para extirparlo en mayo de 2022. Hasta ahora, los informes médicos son positivos, y me siento muy bien, gracias a Dios.

Estas dos realidades me permitieron tomarme el mes de mayo de este año para servir como director de música para la peregrinación anual a Lourdes con la Orden de Malta, seguida de una experiencia de dos semanas experiencia de recorrer el Camino Primitivo de Santiago en España entre el 12 y el 24 de mayo. Fue una verdadera bendición poder alejarme de los compromisos habituales como superior mayor de los Crosiers para disfrutar de dos experiencias increíblemente enriquecedoras de encuentro humano y espiritual.

Cada año, la Orden de Malta lleva a 60 personas y a sus cuidadores a Lourdes, en el sur de Francia. La Orden alquila un avión que vuela directamente de Los Ángeles a Lourdes. Mi primera experiencia en esta peregrinación fue en 2018 como parte de mi proceso para convertirme en capellán de la Orden. Tanto en 2018 como en 2019, compartí mis dones musicales como miembro del coro para apoyar la música litúrgica de las hermosas celebraciones que forman parte de la peregrinación. En 2020, recibí un aviso (¡no una invitación!) de que iba a formar parte del equipo directivo de la peregrinación como director de música. Debido a Covid, la peregrinación de 2020 fue cancelada. Allanamos el camino para volver a Lourdes en septiembre de 2021, incluso con el riesgo de la pandemia todavía muy presente. Aunque algunos participantes contrajeron Covid, aprendimos de la experiencia y hemos vuelto al programa habitual de estar en Lourdes el miércoles anterior al primer domingo de mayo.

La peregrinación de este año fue rica en gracia y encuentros, ya que mi cohermano, el P. Hubert Kavusa, osc, se unió a nosotros como parte de su proceso para convertirse en capellán de Malta, el primer sacerdote africano en hacerlo. Tuve la bendición de que un hermano mío compartiera la experiencia y recurrí a sus dotes musicales como cantor en varias celebraciones litúrgicas. Los milagros de Lourdes abundaron, no necesariamente en curaciones físicas, sino en gracias recibidas que eran muy necesarias.

Este hermoso tiempo de servicio a los enfermos terminó el 9 de mayo. Al día siguiente viajé en tren y autobús a Oviedo, España, donde comienza el Camino Primitivo. Para los que no conozcan el Camino de Santiago, su destino es Santiago de Compostela, una gran ciudad al norte de la frontera portuguesa con España. Los restos del Apóstol Santiago están enterrados en la iglesia catedral de Santiago, por lo que es un lugar de peregrinación muy popular desde hace siglos.

En realidad hay muchos "caminos" (senderos, vías, carreteras) hacia Santiago. Hay tantas formas de recorrer el Camino como personas que se sientan llamadas a hacerlo. Puede hacerse a pie (el más común), en bicicleta o a caballo. La gente recorre el Camino por diversas razones, algunas espirituales y otras más mundanas (simplemente para pasar un tiempo fuera, de vacaciones, etc.). Mi plazo de dos semanas me ayudó a decidir que haríamos el Camino Primitivo. Es el más antiguo de los caminos y uno de los más difíciles durante los primeros siete días debido a la cantidad de subidas y bajadas que conlleva el terreno. Muchas personas comienzan su Camino como un esfuerzo individual, pero pronto forman un sentimiento de comunidad con otras personas que comparten el viaje.

Centré mi experiencia del Camino en tres cosas: 1) Acción de gracias por todos los que participaron tan generosamente en nuestra campaña de capital y por la finalización con éxito de la construcción de nuestro nuevo priorato; 2) Acción de gracias por mi salud después de enfrentarme a un cáncer de próstata y una operación el año pasado, en particular por el equipo médico que fue decisivo para mi curación; y 3) Oración por las vocaciones a nuestra orden religiosa para que podamos continuar nuestra misión de tocar el sufrimiento con esperanza. Tuve estas tres intenciones en mente y en el corazón, así como a todos los que me pidieron oraciones, mientras rezaba en el Camino cada día. Para los que quieran ver imágenes de cada día de mi viaje, pueden consultar mis publicaciones en mi página de Facebook en www.facebook.com/tenneking. ¡Disfruta del Camino conmigo! ✕

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Crosier brother in Phoenix professes first vows for religious life

By Lisa A.M. Cassidy

Br. Christopher Erran, osc, continues his vocation journey in joyful celebration!

It seemed like a short time ago that Br. Christopher Erran, osc, received his Crosier habit Sept. 14, 2021, at Holy Cross Priory Church in Onamia, Minnesota. During the rite of investiture, he was formally vested with the Crosier habit, which he wears for community prayer and Eucharist each day and for special events and other occasions.

Now two years later, he has completed his novitiate program and was accepted for first vows by Conventual Prior Thomas Enneking, osc, with the consent of his council. On July 18, the Feast of St. Odilia, Br. Christopher professed his vows during the evening conventual Eucharist at the Priory Church of the Holy Cross in Phoenix. The church was filled with his family, friends, Crosier Companions and confreres.

Br. Christopher is enthusiastic about his future with the Crosiers, "Reviewing my experience to where God has led me—to the Crosiers—has given me peace, confidence and comfort. I've always been passionate about serving people within my community. That's why I knew when the Crosiers moved to South Phoenix, it was God's call to me. My hope is that I can continue to inspire others to answer that call to God with a resounding YES!"

Fr. Tom said, "I am very grateful that God has called Br. Christopher to consider Crosier Religious Life as the way to live out his baptismal call to holiness. May the Spirit continue to guide Br. Christopher on his vocation journey."

Br. Christopher has since moved to the Crosier filial priory in Onamia to begin his post-novitiate formation, where he joins four other Crosiers in formation. He will also take classes at St. John's School of Theology and

Seminary in Collegeville, Minn.

A native of Phoenix, Br. Christopher is the son of Linda and Raymond Erran. He attended St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary School, South Mountain High School and Arizona State University (ASU) where he graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation management. In 2003, he earned his master's degree in counseling psychology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Before entering the Order, Br. Christopher worked in various roles within higher education including student service, recruitment, outreach and retention. He also worked at ASU and for different campuses within the Maricopa Community College District including Rio Salado College, Phoenix College and South Mountain Community College. He has three brothers who all reside in Phoenix: Raymond, Gary and Eric. Br. Christopher's interests include the arts, music, seeing good movies, spending time with family and enjoying outdoor activities. ✝

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Hermano Crosier en Phoenix profesa sus primeros votos para la vida religiosa

El Hno. Christopher Erran, osc, continúa su camino vocacional en una alegre celebración. Parece que fue hace poco tiempo cuando el Hno. Christopher Erran, osc, recibió su hábito Crosier el 14 de septiembre de 2021, en la Iglesia del Priorato de la Santa Cruz en Onamia, Minnesota. Durante el rito de investidura, fue investido formalmente con el hábito Crosier, que usa para la oración comunitaria y la Eucaristía todos los días y para eventos especiales y otras ocasiones.

Ahora, dos años después, ha completado su programa de noviciado y ha sido aceptado para los primeros votos por el prior conventual Thomas Enneking, osc, con el consentimiento de su consejo. El 18 de julio, el día de Santa Odilia, Hno. Christopher profesó sus votos durante la Eucaristía conventual vespertina en la Iglesia del Priorato de la Santa Cruz en Phoenix. La iglesia estaba llena de su familia, amigos, miembros del Apostolado, Compañeros Crosiers y cohermanos.

El Hno. Christopher está entusiasmado con su futuro con los Crosiers: "Repasar mi experiencia hasta donde Dios me ha llevado -a los Crosiers- me ha dado paz, confianza y consuelo. Siempre me ha apasionado servir a la gente de mi comunidad. Por eso supe que cuando los Crosiers se mudaron al sur de Phoenix, era la llamada de Dios para mí. Mi esperanza es poder seguir inspirando a otros a responder a esa llamada de Dios con un rotundo SÍ".

El P. Tom dijo: "Estoy muy agradecido de que Dios haya llamado al Hno. Christopher a considerar la Vida Religiosa Crosier como la manera de vivir su llamada bautismal a la santidad. Que el Espíritu siga guiando a Hno. Christopher en su camino vocacional".

El Hno. Christopher desde entonces se ha mudado al priorato filial Crosier en Onamia para comenzar su formación de post-noviciado donde se unirá a otros cuatro Crosiers en formación. John's School of Theology and Seminary en Collegeville, Minnesota.

Nacido en Phoenix, Christopher es hijo de Linda y Raymond Erran. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary School, South Mountain High School y Arizona State University (ASU), donde se licenció en 1999 en Gestión de Actividades Recreativas. En 2003, obtuvo un máster en psicología del asesoramiento en la Northern Arizona University de Flagstaff (Arizona).

Antes de entrar en la Orden, Hno. Christopher trabajó en diversas funciones dentro de la educación superior, incluyendo el servicio a los estudiantes, el reclutamiento, la divulgación y la retención. También trabajó en ASU y para diferentes campus dentro del Maricopa Community College District incluyendo Rio Salado College, Phoenix College y South Mountain Community College. Tiene tres hermanos que residen en Phoenix: Raymond, Gary y Eric. Los intereses del Hno. Christopher incluyen las artes, la música, ver buenas películas, pasar tiempo con la familia y disfrutar de actividades al aire libre.

PHOENIX FRIEND INSPIRED by Crosier priest's insightful homily



By Rose O'Kane, guest contributor

My introduction to the Crosiers began many years ago at the parish of St. Joseph's in north Phoenix. Fr. Bob Rossi, osc, was serving as interim pastor,

and my father was a parishioner there and wanted me to attend Mass and meet him one Sunday morning. I was immediately drawn to Fr. Rossi because of his insightful homilies and personal warmth. Shortly thereafter my father passed away. I immediately called Fr. Rossi and he arrived at the house within an hour, despite his busy schedule. He stayed with us, praying with the family and offering great consolation to us all.

Later on, when my mother died, much to my surprise, Fr. Stephan Bauer, osc, and other Crosiers not only attended but also concelebrated her funeral Mass. I was very touched by their kindness and wanted to learn more about their particular charism. After that, I discovered the Crosiers regularly offered Sunday Mass at Mt. Claret, where I was introduced to many other Crosiers. They are the most caring and welcoming group of men and make you feel like you belong. In a city of five million people, it is easy to get lost in the crowd; it is such a special gift to be valued as an individual child of God by the Crosier community.

Since they relocated to South Phoenix and founded Crosier Village, that gift has only increased to include so many other friends and those seeking spiritual support. The Village is a beautiful place: the church is a welcoming environment; the grounds are a calm oasis in the midst of the city, and the new priory is a beautiful place of hospitality. I've been worshipping with the Crosiers there since they moved in 2016. At that time we initially attended Mass in Campo Hall while the church was being renovated. Since those early days, Crosier Village has developed into a wonderful place of worship. I feel very blessed to have met Fr. Rossi, gotten to know the other Crosiers and feel like part of the community... it is a blessing that I cherish. ✝

Rose O'Kane is a friend of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.



Ministry to women veterans OFFERS SPIRITUAL, COMMUNAL CONNECTION

By Chaplain Jessica Morel, guest contributor

Under a large shade tree, veteran women in Arizona gather to walk alongside one another on their path of hope and healing. This diverse group of women meets on the last Sunday of each month for fellowship and spiritual renewal. They begin the morning with a light breakfast while catching up on each other's lives, sharing photos of recent outdoor adventures and swapping information about community resources specifically for veterans. After breakfast, they move outside, gather in a circle and begin CrossWalk.

CrossWalk is sponsored by Crosier Village Ministries, an outreach of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix. Created in 2015 by Crosier Fr. Robert Rossi, osc, and psychologist Sheran Mattson to help heal moral injury resulting from military service, CrossWalk is built on the Catholic devotion of the Stations of the Cross, allowing veterans to identify with Jesus in his Passion to receive hope and healing from being in communion with him.

The veteran women's group has been meeting for more than a year and is facilitated by Army veterans Angel Yniguez and Jessica Morel, chaplain. They are intentional about holding the meeting outside, where many of the women feel a deep connection to God through nature. Although the program is founded on a Catholic devotion to the Stations of the Cross, the women make up a variety of Christian faiths and they offer mutual love and respect for each other's faith journey. The two-hour session includes prayer, personal reflection and sharing and is a space for them to vulnerably open their hearts with other women who understand the unique challenges of military life and post-service realities.

The women have developed deep friendships during this time that extend beyond monthly meetings. It is common for them to text one



The veteran women proudly support one another.

another throughout the month or plan hiking trips. Most recently, one was baptized at her home church and several members attended the ceremony to support her on her special day.

CrossWalk is one of the few faith-based programs specifically created for veterans and service members to help them process their experience in the military. If you are a woman veteran and would like to attend, please contact me at jessica@jessicamorel.com or call 480-797-5141. ✝

Chaplain Jessica Morel serves as a battalion chaplain in the Arizona National Guard and facilitates CrossWalk with the soldiers entrusted to her.



By Fr. Jude Verley, osc

Seeing Mary through Crosier eyes

As you begin to read this article, I'd like to ask you to close your eyes and imagine the early disciples of Jesus gathered in the upper room after His Resurrection, waiting for the Spirit whom Jesus promised to send. Among the disciples is Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is with them, one might say, to be a mother, sister and companion on their faith journey. Mary, too (even though we claim her to be full of grace), is waiting for the Spirit, so that she and all may be led and guided to be the disciples Jesus desired of them.

Now shift your imagination to a different scene, this one in 2023. In it, Mary is still very much present, but she is surrounded by Crosiers, and all have received the Spirit in diverse ways. Now we Crosiers open ourselves to be guided by that Holy Spirit with Mary as a mother, sister, companion...and yes, a model of being the first disciple of Jesus in our midst!

Like most Catholics, Mary has been connected to us throughout our history.

Liturgically: Mary weaves her

presence into Crosier liturgical life: the numerous feast days celebrated in her honor, the singing of her Magnificat at each Evening Prayer and the singing of a Cantic to Mary (e.g., Salve Regina) as we close Night Prayer. It seems to have become a tradition in both of our communities in Onamia and Phoenix to end Noon Day Prayer with the Angelus (even though it is not a liturgical prayer). On Mondays and Saturdays in Phoenix, since the start of the pandemic, at the close of our Conventual Mass, the Crosiers have been singing the hymn "Haec Est Praeclarum Vas," a hymn that was introduced to the Crosier Order centuries ago as a petition against the Bubonic plague. We thought it was good to resurrect the hymn when we were dealing with the pandemic.

Personally: Many Crosiers have a devotional connection with Mary. For them, the rosary is an important part of daily spiritual prayer life. (In the days when most prayers were in Latin, Crosier brothers prayed the rosary in place of the Liturgy of the Hours, which the priests were chanting as their special prayer.) In Phoenix, with the large Hispanic community, we cannot fail to get immersed in devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

An outdoor Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe was recently erected where individuals or groups come to pray.

Mary, as mother, sister, companion and first disciple of Jesus, remains in Crosier Religious Life a sure and comforting presence. May Mary, and all the Communion of Saints, be with all Crosiers throughout the world, in helping us live the vowed, consecrated life as we glory in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. ✝

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



On May 14 —Mother's Day— the Crosiers dedicated their new Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine following the weekend Masses at Crosier Village, 717 E Southern Ave, Phoenix 85040!

All mothers and mother-figures were called up to the altar in the priory church for a special blessing and then all processed out for the unveiling and blessing of the shrine.



Fr. Daniel Hernández, osc, blesses the new shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Crosier Village.



FR. HUBERT, OSC, SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE of coordinating annual mission preaching schedule

By Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc

IN ITS DOCUMENT CALLED “AD GENTES,” THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL DESCRIBES THE CHURCH AS “MISSIONARY BY HER VERY NATURE.” In 1997, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops issued an important document, “Called to Global Solidarity.” This document reminds us that we are members of a universal Church that transcends national boundaries and calls us to live in solidarity and justice with the peoples of the world.

MCP was established in the late 1930s

The Missionary Cooperation Plan of the U.S. Catholic Church, often referred to as MCP, was established in the late 1930s as a way to centralize the efforts of missionary organizations from around the world who wish to appeal to Catholics in the United States. Each summer, Catholic organizations (dioceses, religious orders, charities, etc) send missionaries to the United States to conduct mission appeals in dioceses across the country. I have been blessed to be part of this effort both as mission preaching coordinator and as a mission preacher. I am happy to share my experience of coordinating the mission preaching efforts on behalf of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, MISSION PREACHING REQUIRES TEAMWORK. This summer, nine of my Crosier confreres and I will visit 55 parishes in 24 dioceses across the U.S.

To be able to set out for a parish and make a mission appeal, significant work must be completed beforehand. The process begins as early as August of the preceding year, and each component must be done carefully. Let me outline the process in six main steps:

STEP ONE: At the beginning of August, Fr. Kosman Sianturi, osc, and I conduct consistent research to determine whether any significant changes have occurred in the dioceses to which we are planning to apply.

After reviewing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and

MCP policies, I prepare a letter of request to send to the mission director of each diocese, signed by Fr. Kambale Sambya Zawadi Jean Marie, osc.

STEP TWO: I work with the conventual prior’s executive assistant to prepare endorsement letters for the conventual prior’s signature. These letters state that Fr. Zawadi is the U.S. representative of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. In that capacity, he is authorized to apply for MCP on behalf of the Crosier missions.

STEP THREE: From December–January, we begin to receive responses to our letters. Out of 100 requests sent each year, we receive around 25 affirmative responses. Fr. Kosman and I review the policies and requirements of each diocese. The most common requirement is to submit a full application using a form

provided by the diocese. Some applications are available online, while others require paper copies to send via the U.S. mail.

STEP FOUR: After our application and supporting documents have been reviewed, we receive a letter from the mission director with a list of parishes—two to four parishes in each diocese—where we are assigned for mission preaching. Then comes the most challenging part of my work: I determine a tentative appeal date and call the pastor to submit my suggested date. If the pastor’s preference is a different date, I do my best to adjust. Then I have to find a Crosier who is available to make the appeal and put him in contact with the pastor. After I have planned with all pastors, I send the appeal dates and the names of preachers to the mission office.

STEP FIVE: At least two weeks before the appeal date, the conventual prior must submit a letter of good standing for each Crosier involved in mission preaching. I prepare a list of those who need letters for the conventual prior to sign.

STEP SIX: The last step of the process is the actual appeal. As mission coordinator, I make sure every mission preacher is in contact with the local pastor and has clear plans regarding his transportation and accommodation.

Coordinating mission preaching is not an easy task, but I love doing it

as a service to the Crosier Order because I know how critical this program is for our missions. For instance, three years ago, we started the construction of a K–12 Catholic school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to serve 1,600 children from the poor vicinities of the city of Butembo.

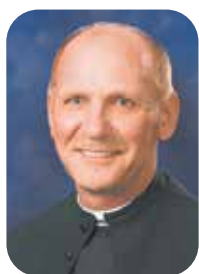
TODAY, I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED. The new school will be blessed by Most Reverend Laurentius Tarpin, osc, master general of the Crosier Order, on Sept. 11. This school would have never been built without the contributions of many people who generously responded to our mission appeals. To all who have supported and continue to support our missions, I reiterate these words of the U.S. bishops: “The Catholic community in the United States should be proud of the mission, advocacy, humanitarian relief, and development activities of our Church. U.S. Catholics are generous, active, committed, and

concerned.” I am ever grateful for the generosity of the American people and thank each one of our mission donors. Your solidarity makes a difference beyond what you can imagine. ✠

Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.

Our summer visits will consist of **55 PARISHES & 24 DIOCESES**

CROSIERS RETURN TO THE MUSIC PUBLISHING WORLD



by Fr. Tom Enneking, osc

In recent months, the Crosier Fathers and Brothers have become member publishers with One License, the major copyright administrator in the United States related to the use of liturgical music in worship services. Why would we do so, you might ask?

Some may recall that there were two Crosier priests in the 1960s who were very engaged with the liturgical renewal that had been anticipated and endorsed by the Second Vatican Council in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the reform of the liturgy. Indeed, both Fr. Eugene Lindusky, osc, and Fr. Bernard C. Mischke, osc, proved ready to be a prolific and forward-looking pair in composing music for Crosier use that could also eventually be published by World Library Publications for broader usage. Fr. Eugene was the musical composer while Fr. Bernard had the gift for creating very fine texts based on biblical psalms and canticles and Latin hymns that could be used in various liturgical feasts and seasons.

The corpus these two confreres wrote includes a collection of 55 psalms to new hymn tunes composed by Fr. Eugene, accompanied by paraphrased and poetic texts written by Fr. Bernard. In addition, there are several antiphonal Mass settings in which we see the vision that these two Crosiers had for fostering call-and-response liturgical music—it is marked by having a cantor or schola sing the text of a more challenging

melody, followed by a simple refrain easily caught by the assembly. This format was brought to the fore by Fr. Joseph Gelineau, SJ, as one of the most appropriate types of liturgical music as it reflects at heart the call-and-response character of our dynamic relationship with God.

In the past year or so, the Crosiers have regained exclusive rights to this significant body of work, providing us the new opportunity to make this liturgical music available to other liturgical musicians in the United States and beyond. It is exciting to think of this unique body of music enhancing the prayer life of liturgical assemblies around the country and further afield as it catches on from its new availability. ✠

Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, is the conventual prior of the Conventual Priory of the Holy Cross.

Psalm 1
Blest Are They Who Do Not Heed

1. Blest are they who do not heed, E - vil coun - sel, sin - ner's deed;
2. Like a tree on fer - tile soil, Stal-wart grow the loved of God,
3. Brought to judg - ment e - vil fails, As the sin - ner shrinks and pales;

1. Blest are they who have not bowed, To the proud.
2. Tree whose leaves in gold ar - rayed, Nev - er fade.
3. Those who spurn the Lord's com - mand, Can - not stand.

1. Blest are they whose sole re - ward, Is their ser - vice
2. All their hopes shall be ful - filled, Yield - ing fruit the
3. While the peo - ple of the Lord, Praise and sing in

1. of the Lord, Law of God is their de - light, Day and night,
2. Lord has willed, While the wick - ed on their way, Can - not stay,
3. full ac - cord, As they watch the e - vil day, Pass a - way.

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TWO CROSIERS CELEBRATE DUAL JUBILEES

of 70 years of vowed life and 65 years of ordination



By Fr. Kermit Holl, osc



The year 2023 marks a double jubilee for Crosier confreres Fr. John Vincent, osc, and Fr. Ray Steffes, osc, as they celebrate 70 years of profession of vows and 65 years of ordination as priests. Though Fr.

Vincent came to the Crosiers by way of the seminary in Wawasee in Indiana and Fr. Ray by way of the Crosier Seminary in Onamia, Minn., the year 1952 brought them together in Hastings, Neb., as novice classmates in the Order of the Holy Cross, and thereafter they've remained as brethren for the rest of their lives.

Fr. John was the younger of his parents' two children, and his sister, Theresa, still lives in Indiana. John and his sister connect by telephone every week, come rain or shine. Their father was a laborer in the steel mills, and their mother was in the catering business. Fr. Ray was the youngest of seven siblings whose mother died from cancer when Ray was only seven years old. Their father was a mechanic. Both Ray and John entered the seminary as teenagers to begin their studies toward priesthood—and the rest, obviously, is history!

As Fr. John looks back on his long and happy life as a Crosier priest, though he had many assignments and transfers, his priestly identity was a constant source of self-understanding and comfort no matter the turmoil. He taught Latin and religion and served in parishes at various turns, even if his favorite assignment was to the Crosier house in Beallsville, Md., where the focus was on a stable community amid a very rapidly changing Church and society. A bit disconcerted by all the liberalities of that time, living in Beallsville offered Fr. John a sure schedule, style of prayer and sedate community personality. Nevertheless, he quickly admits also to having enjoyed living and serving in every place to which he was assigned in the Order. Fr. John now lives quiet senior years in an assisted living facility connected to the filial priory in Onamia where he still joins in daily prayers and Mass and occasional meals and meetings with the confreres.



Fr. John Vincent, osc

For Fr. John's 91st birthday meal celebrated on July 31, he requested the filial priory cook prepare a simple Slovak meal of kielbasa, sauerkraut, corn on the cob and warm apple strudel. (Of course, this is his request every July 31!) His favorite bible story is that of St. Peter's denial of Jesus coupled with the Lord's reconciliation with Peter as Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" Fr. John appreciates the humanity captured in the sin and forgiveness that was a part of even the first pope's calling. He also still works to read the bible cover to cover every year, though, admittedly, he does "skip some parts." (He didn't indicate which ones!)

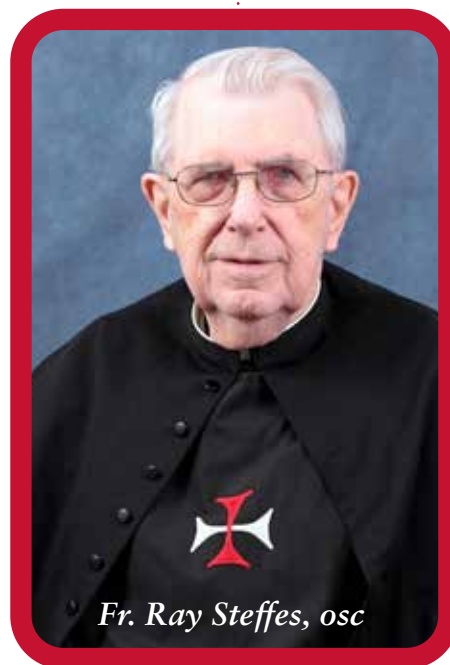
Fr. Ray was drawn to the Crosiers by the kindly Dutch immigrant priests who were on the faculty at Crosier Seminary upon his arrival. (His home pastor in Sauk Centre, Minn., encouraged Ray to consider the seminary.) Fr. Ray did get a bit of a surprise, however, when he joined the Crosiers before finishing his associate degree at Onamia as he then had to complete these studies at Hastings College, which was "a lot harder" for him in the sciences of physics and biology than the humanities had been for him in the Crosiers' own school.

Nonetheless, from the very start, steeped in a most joyous priesthood ordination Mass and through the many years thereafter of ministry, Fr. Ray has loved being a priest and a pastor. As the Crosiers' theologate building in Fort Wayne, Ind., was yet under construction, the ordination took place not in a church but in a large undesignated room that would eventually become the library. But they made it work, and it was a very happy day with many guests "trained in" from Minnesota, including his father.

His time as pastor at Moose Lake, Minn., was particularly memorable as his first assignment in that role, but it was cut short when his teaching skills were needed again in Onamia. Thankfully there he was able to combine being a pastor at Holy Cross Parish while also teaching German in the seminary. Though Fr. Ray was a strong introvert in personality, he was glad to find that preaching was never difficult. He doesn't know whether he was "particularly good at it," but he surely enjoyed it!

When asked what surprised him about his life and vocation, Fr. Ray's quick reply was, "That I've lasted so long! I never was very strong or athletic, but here I am." What he still hopes to accomplish in his life is "getting rid of things I don't need anymore." He finds himself very content with his life and God's gifts to him. "I am very happy," he said. "Very happy," even with debilitated sight and hearing. "I have a much better view of prayer, and I get a lot out of it—the many times a day we gather. I love our schedule and our home." To young Crosiers and future Crosiers, Fr. Ray asks that they take their life and their studies seriously, realizing the significance of their vows and commitment as they make profession. And of his classmate, Fr. John Vincent, whom Fr. Ray has known now for 71 years, he said, "He hasn't changed a bit. He always was a unique fellow who proceeded in his own way with his own understandings." (Many confreres would easily concur!)

To Frs. John and Ray, our brothers in the Holy Cross and dedicated priests of the Church, we offer our gratitude and our congratulations as they celebrate this double milestone in vowed life and ministerial service. May God bless them in the sun's rising and its setting, all the days of their lives. ✠



Fr. Ray Steffes, osc

Fr. Kermit Holl, osc, is filial prior of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Onamia.



Children in the Congo walk several miles to school each day.



Fr. Moïse, osc, reflects on his EDUCATION IN THE CONGO



By Fr. Moïse Kasereka Kisonia, osc

Often, I have heard people say no one has greater wealth than one who knows how to read, write, count and discover science, culture, etc.—I agree with that.

Undoubtedly, the majority of people believe all children deserve a good education, no matter their gender, race or ethnic background. Every child needs a good education. Yet, around the

world, millions of children do not have access to it. As a result, they will not be able to choose the profession they want and it will be difficult for them to improve the quality of their lives in society. I believe the right to education is, or should be, one of the fundamental rights recognized for every human being—especially children.

This major challenge still persists particularly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) for girls, children living in conflict zones and those in extreme poverty. Many people know that for more than three decades, the Congo has encountered enormous difficulties in providing services, such as health and education, to the population. Most public facilities lack much-needed maintenance and renovation. Among those affected are public schools with destroyed buildings, deficient sanitary facilities and insufficient teaching supplies. Chairs and desks are also needed. Some children attend classes with no choice but to sit on the floor.

Speaking from my own experience, when I was in high school, classrooms were very simple—they were temporary outdoor shelters called “sheds.” And, in Congo, we only have two seasons: dry or rainy. During the hot, dry season, we attended classes in the dust. During the rainy season, schools were simply closed. Since we were in an area with high rainfall, the anticipated first rains forced us to interrupt classes. All of this combined does not allow for the completion of educational programs and other activities in the school calendar. As a result, students are unable to remain focused during the school year. However, some parents believe in the value of their children attending school even if it is farther away. That was my case.

While many children in my village dropped out during primary school, I held on and walked 12 miles every day to and from school. Since the age of 11, I woke up at 5 a.m., ate leftovers when there were some and then started my journey to school with my friends. Imagine walking a dusty country trail (path) during the dry season or a muddy trail in the rainy season, then climbing mountains to go to school. The climate in the mountains is unpredictable and harsh. It alternates between blazing sun and winds from a high altitude accompanied by torrential rains. Even though there was a great risk of drowning, I sometimes had to cross rivers without bridges because the rainwater carried them away. When I returned home after school, I also had domestic tasks to do, which consisted of feeding the rabbits and tending the sheep. Without that perseverance, I could never have become the person I am today.

In North Kivu, DRC, where I am from, social infrastructures in rural areas have been badly damaged by decades of civil war. The schools served as shelters for rebel group leaders. Classrooms were systematically looted and ransacked while teachers, unpaid for more than three decades, abandoned their posts one after another. Devastated by war and deprived of teachers, the schools were abandoned. The lack of schools is one of the reasons many children are recruited by rebel groups.

As the population in the Congo continues to grow, so does the number of children to be educated. This is why the new Crosier school in Butembo will offer much-needed opportunities for thousands of children now and for several generations. Education remains a critical tool to improve our society. It is by working together that we can build a better future for all. In situations of conflict and disaster, like in the Congo, education can both protect and save lives. ✝

Fr. Moïse Kasereka Kisonia, osc, is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Onamia.

Crosier Associate in Onamia recalls his first connection with the Crosiers



By Fr. Ralph Zimmerman, guest contributor

My first encounter with the Crosiers was in seventh grade at St. Anthony's Catholic School in St. Cloud, Minn.

Our teacher told us there would be a special visitor that day, and it was none other than Fr. Chris Mehr, osc, the vocation director for the Crosier community at that time. Dressed in that snappy Crosier habit, I recall he firmly planted a nametag on me and invited me to visit the Crosiers.

Priesthood had been on my mind during my grade school years. My family and my teachers, including Benedictine sisters and parish priests, gave me great encouragement as the seeds of that vocation were planted. Fr. Chris said that a vocation is a place to grow. I registered as a first-year student at Crosier Seminary in the fall of 1964. Throughout the four years of high school and two years of junior college, I received an excellent education and formed extraordinary friendships that are still strong today. In a sense, I “grew up” with the Crosiers. I will always treasure my formation years with them.

I am a “lifer” in the Catholic school and seminary system. I continued my formation at St. John's Seminary at Collegeville, Minn.—two years of college and four years of graduate school. I did seriously consider becoming a Crosier but discerned that diocesan priesthood would be for me. My senior “big brother,” when I first came to the Crosiers, even gave me an application to join them in later years. My first formative years gave me as much a “Crosier heart” as St. John's gave me a “Benedictine heart.” I am grateful to the Crosiers and the Benedictines for helping me discern my “diocesan heart.”

When I became a Crosier Associate of the Onamia filial priory, I found an extraordinary way to continue my relationship to the Crosier community, to “be intent on God alone and embrace the hope, joy and new life of the Glorious Cross,” in the words on our Vision-Mission statement.

My connection to the Crosiers goes back a long way, almost 60 years. As I settle into retirement, I hope and pray that the connection will be strengthened. As we face many challenges in the Church today, it is the strength of our communities that will help us lift high the Cross, to work and pray and to be faithful disciples of the Lord who calls all of us. ✝

Fr. Ralph Zimmerman is a member of the Crosier Associates in Onamia.

Shrines of Italy OCT. 1 – 13, 2023



JOIN FR. KERMIT HOLL, OSC, ON THIS SPECIAL 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE OCT. 1-13.

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CINDY AND TODD MCPARLAND

embody call to discipleship through seeds of love, faith, hope

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches”

~ Matt. 13: 31–32

Cindy and Todd McParland are no strangers to this Bible verse; in fact, it serves as a metaphor for their commitment to the faith and desire to generously serve and support it in diverse ways. Since moving to the Phoenix area after they were newly married almost 50 years ago, they have both witnessed incredible growth in their surroundings and fostered growth in their faith. As founding members of St. Patrick Catholic Community, Cindy and Todd have since witnessed the parish’s growth that now encompasses a beautiful church, more than 5,000 registered families and numerous ministries. Of those, Cindy and Todd have been engaged in various ministries and social justice initiatives.

“Our faith has grown as a couple. We understand that we are ‘just passing through’ this life and know this is not the end as the Risen Lord has assured us. The question is, can we follow what he taught?” Todd asks. His answer is affirmative: being blessed with good health and financial resources, he and Cindy want to give back to causes that are meaningful to them. Cindy agrees, “Trust is at the heart of all we do—we contribute where we know our giving is going to the right place and doing the most good.”

That is where the Crosiers come in and, in particular, the enduring friendship that has sprung up with Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc. It was in early 2018 that the McParlands met Fr. Hubert, and the rest is history! As Todd recalled, “In the five years of knowing Fr. Hubert, what stands out for me is his peace, confidence and humility. Through Fr. Hubert, I learned so much more about the Crosiers and realized how God is truly working in their lives. Early in our friendship, we went hiking in Sedona on a lovely day and stopped by a stream. I watched him dip his hands in the water, pause and say he was reminded of his home in Congo; that was a holy moment of connection to a place I have never been but could envision.”

As Cindy and Todd got to know Fr. Hubert and learned more about the Crosiers’ work in Congo, they realized they could assist with efforts there to educate and support young children at the Crosier school in Butembo. After sending Fr. Hubert off to a home visit with a suitcase of clothes, shoes and school supplies, the McParlands soon began making

Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, enjoys visiting with Cindy and Todd McParland at Crosier Village.



financial gifts to support the school. Cindy and Todd have always been interested in worldwide initiatives that support basic human dignity, and they were inspired by the Crosiers’ efforts.

More locally, they are drawn to support the life and work of the Crosiers that includes jail ministry, citizenship classes and the like. “For us, the care of all God’s people, no matter where they are, is ingrained in our faith,” said Cindy. She continued, “The Crosiers’ work is meaningful wherever they are, and you can see the fruits of their spiritual and temporal labor—be it the school in Congo or their work here among so many people.”

In addition to supporting the Butembo school, the McParlands have expanded their giving commitment—they are generous members of the Apostolate annual giving program; they contributed to the recent priory building campaign; and they have planned for gifts in their will. As Todd said, “When you pause and think about what the Crosiers do every day, they really walk their talk. When you visit Crosier Village and escape the noise of the world, you see how each Crosier is patterning himself after the life of Christ—and that’s something we are all called to do. That’s why we have remembered the Crosiers in our estate plans, because everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to give back to Him in this way.”

Much like the mustard seed parable, from small beginnings come great outcomes. This is true of the bond of friendship between Fr. Hubert and Cindy and Todd, and it is also true of their generous support. From that first meeting to today, the McParlands have continually expanded their support of the Crosiers in so many ways, and like the spreading branches of the mustard plant, they are leaving a sheltering legacy for the future of the Crosiers. ✕

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

For more information on how you can leave a legacy and become part of the Crosier Honor Roll Society of planned giving, please contact Elisabeth at 602-443-7100.

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.

ALUMNI



CORNER

**Sunday
September 3, 2023**

Labor Day weekend

For a rain delay, the picnic will be rescheduled to Sept. 10.

2PM – 5PM Central Time

Ellison Park
811 East River Street
Monticello, MN 55362

(About 4–6 blocks east of the Highway 25 bridge on the Mississippi)

RSVP:
*Not needed—
just show up
and bring
some food!*

CROSIER ALUMNI PICNIC

If you spent one day, or many days, at a Crosier school facility—high school or college—you’re invited! Feel free to bring along family, friends or other alumni.

Grills will be provided. For food and beverages, please bring the following

- BYOM (*Bring Your Own Meat*)
- BYOB (*Bring Your Own Bottle*)
- One side dish or dessert to share

For fun activities, feel free to bring the following

- Bean Bag Toss game
- Frisbee or other lawn games
- Lawn chair(s)
- Canoe, boat, kayak or fishing gear
- Guitar

Sooo, get started on your exercising, ask your doctor to sign a health waiver release, put some polish back into your dress code and maybe buy some Nutrafol!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER:

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NEWS FROM ROME

The Crosier Generalate has been busy in recent months hosting Crosiers who have participated in meetings for the General Formation Commission and Liturgical and Spirituality Commission.

Along with the General Finance Commission (meeting in June) and the Extended Council (meeting in October), these groups are collaborators in the implementation of the 2022 General Chapter directives and in fostering the ongoing life and mission of the Crosiers.

The General Formation Commission is coordinated by General Councilor Fr. Jean-Marie Kighoma, osc, and includes Fr. Nana Sujana, osc (Indonesia), Fr. Emile Bikira, osc (Congo), Fr. Júlio Resende, osc (Brazil), and Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc (United States).

Several initiatives in recent years have renewed focus on initial formation programs, including a Common Formation Program and the International Post-Novitiate Formation Experience (IPNE), which is taking place in the United States. The commission offers advice and assistance to the master general in his

responsibility to assure quality, sustainable initial and ongoing formation in the Order.

The Liturgical-Spirituality Commission is coordinated by General Councilor Fr. Pierre-Paul Walraet, osc, and includes Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc (United States), Fr. Anselme Tsongo, osc (Congo),

Fr. Elvin Atmaja, osc, and Fr. Riston Situmorang, osc (both from Indonesia). The chapter directive to deepen the mystical and prophetic dimension of Crosier life is a central focus of the commission's work

in the coming years, including plans for an Order-wide gathering on these topics in the future. The commission also will work with the Formation Commission to provide resources on Crosier mystical and prophetic inspiration for those who are entering our community across the Order.

The Crosiers in Rome are responsible for pastoral care for the church of San Giorgio in Velabro. Fr. Pierre-Paul serves as the rector of the church and works with the titular cardinal, Gianfranco Ravasi, on two major celebrations each year: the station day, which is always the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, and the feast of San Giorgio, which is on April 23. This year, the celebration for St. George took place on Saturday evening, April 22. St. George is the patron of the Boy Scouts, and each year many scouts and their leaders gather on the feast of St. George with the cardinal to celebrate his patronage.

The Order's general econome, Fr. Dave Donnay, osc, recently completed a three-week trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to assist the confreres there in their financial management and accounting tasks, particularly for the new school in Butembo, scheduled to open in September. Visiting over Holy Week and Easter, Fr. Dave celebrated festive, dance-filled liturgies with different local parish communities and spent time with confreres, learning about their life and mission. ✠



Members of the Liturgical-Spirituality Commission gather in Rome.

THE CROSIERS IN ROME WELCOME 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 Crosiers around the world.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc, will officially open the new school in Butembo on Sept. 11.

The ordination of confreres and profession of vows is scheduled for Sept. 14.

The Crosiers in the Congo are preparing for their second provincial chapter, which will be held Sept. 19–23. During this chapter, important decisions regarding the future of the Province of the Martyrs of Bondo will be discussed. An election for prior provincial and his council will take place. The province is comprised of four priories—in Mulo, Katwa, Butembo and Kinshasa—and one rectory in Musienene.

BRAZIL

Fr. Júlio Resende, osc, participated in the 60th General Assembly of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil. The conference brings together the many contributions of the Brazilian episcopate and counts on the participation of ordained evangelizers and lay Christians to expand services to the many faith communities across the country and encourage wider participation. ✠



The Congolese Crosiers work on their studies in one of the Butembo school's classrooms.



Fr. Júlio Resende, osc, (left) and fellow attendees pose for a quick photo during the break.

Welcome

The Crosier Apostolate



We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Crosier Apostolate who joined January 27 — July 7, 2023.
We hope you will consider adding your name.

Aimee Anderson
Isle, Minnesota

Thomas & Carol Brennan
Phoenix, Arizona

Michael & Wendy Cummiskey
Phoenix, Arizona

George & Anna David
Chula Vista, California

Bong & Marlene Espe
Everett, Washington

Bob & Kathy Hubbard
Phoenix, Arizona

Tony & Bernadette Lanzon
Arlington, Washington

Ador & Ava Salunga
Chula Vista, California

Brian & Yoko Taylor
Scottsdale, Arizona

Mary Wainright
Sartell, Minnesota

Romeo & Mary Yumul
Marysville, Washington

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FROM MESA PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



By Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc

Often, when we hear the words “spring break,” images of traveling, soaking up the sun, hanging out at the beach and meeting lots of other students probably come to mind.

It has been years since I went on such an excursion, not since I was in college. But this year, I ventured out on spring break with college students and faculty from Benedictine University (Ben U) in Mesa, Ariz., where I teach and serve as chaplain. Even though we traveled to Mexico and were surrounded by sun and sand and lots of other college students, this spring break was not spent on the beach surfing and partying. This “alternative spring break” was spent on a humanitarian project, completing a house for a family of nine.

We went to Puerto Peñasco, commonly known as Rocky Point in English. Rocky Point is a vacation destination with resorts and beaches on the Gulf of Mexico, just four hours south of Phoenix. We joined OneMission, a Christ-centered, non-profit community development organization. Their mission is to give people in poverty the opportunity to earn a house by serving their community. Their overall vision and mission are modeled after Jesus’ passion for serving the poor.

At OneMission’s base camp, we joined more than 100 adults and students from churches and schools around Arizona,

California and Nevada. Our group from Ben U was teamed up with Mountain Vista Community Church in Buckeye, Ariz. The OneMission campground was an enclosed camp that provided us with all the necessities for our four-day stay including rooms, meals, showers and potable water. Some had the option to pitch a tent or stay in a bunk house, while others stayed in lots designated for motor homes.

Each team was assigned one family, and our job was to do as much work as we could to complete their house during our stay. Our group was assigned to work alongside the Benitez Orozco family, a family of nine whose oldest son Victor, aged 16, works to support the family. The father, Rolando, is a fisherman and a driver of a motorboat that pulls water skiers vacationing at one of the Rocky Point resorts. The mother, Maria, is a full-time mom. They lived in a shack a little bit larger than a typical backyard shed. It had no electricity, no running water, no floor and hardly any furniture. In addition to the seven children, they had three very cute puppies (yes, I wanted to bring one home!).



The construction crew gather together after a long day’s work.

The physical structure of their house had been started. Our job was to complete it. OneMission provided all the tools and materials needed to finish the house. All we had to do was show up and be willing to work. I quickly learned there is a lot to do to build a house. I learned some construction skills like how to frame walls, put up a ceiling, use an electric drill and even hammer a nail in straight! Each day was a full day of work, paid for in sweat, but with a feeling at the end of the day that it was all worthwhile.

After four days, we didn’t quite finish the house. We sealed the roof, finished the ceiling, framed all the rooms and hung drywall. We were proud of the work we did, but realized it wasn’t all about the work. We didn’t just come to build a house, we came to build relationships—with the Orozco family, with the other team members and with OneMission.

The students said it was one of the best spring breaks they ever went on. So, if you’re thinking about going south for spring break for some sun and sand, consider this alternative way to way to spend your holiday. It will be an experience you won’t forget or regret! ✦

Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc, is vocation director for the conventual priory and a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.



Fr. Alex Juguilon, osc, takes a quick break from framing.

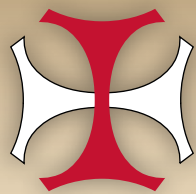


The roofers strike a steady pose before resuming their task.



The students follow the “measure twice, cut once” rule!

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FROM BACK LEFT: Fr. Jean-Marie Vianney, osc, Br. Eric Kalimbiro, 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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Jerome “Jerry” N. Braun
Crosier College, 1949

David Lloyd Christopher
Crosier College, 1974

Jerome “Jerry” F. Filteau
Crosier College, 1964

Myron J. Thielman
Crosier College, 1961

Rev. Robert J. Wilhelm
Our Lady of the Lake Seminary,
1953

Stuart Christopher Wittrock
Our Lady of the Lake Seminary
and Wawasee Prep, 1970

J. Michael “Mike” Zelley
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1964

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56.....	3.7	74.....	5.2
57.....	3.8	75.....	5.4
58.....	3.8	76.....	5.6
59.....	3.9	77.....	5.8
60.....	3.9	78.....	6.0
61.....	4.0	79.....	6.2
62.....	4.0	80.....	6.5
63.....	4.1	81.....	6.7
64.....	4.2	82.....	7.0
65.....	4.2	83.....	7.2
66.....	4.3	84.....	7.4
67.....	4.4	85.....	7.6
68.....	4.5	86.....	7.8
69.....	4.6	87.....	8.0
70.....	4.7	88.....	8.2
71.....	4.8	89.....	8.4
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In this segment, he focuses on her voyage
and martyrdom.

Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, reflects on two enriching
and spiritual experiences in May: travelling to
 Lourdes, France, with the Order of Malta, and
walking the Camino de Santiago from Oviedo,
Spain to Santiago.

JULY 18 WAS A DAY OF CELEBRATION

as Br. Christopher Erran, osc, professed first vows
to the Order of the Holy Cross! We are grateful for
this Sentinel of the Dawn as he begins his post-
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