

ADVENT PREPARES US *for the hope of what's to come*



By Fr. Bob Rossi, osc

There is nothing more annoying than someone who's counted on arriving but doesn't come as expected or perhaps won't show up at all. Feelings are hurt, parties are spoiled, anger starts to simmer, anxieties build up about what's causing the delay, and disappointment casts a big shadow over everything.

It's Advent, and we are taught to expect Jesus. It's not that he hasn't been here before. His Christmases have been uplifting. His Easter morn greetings have made such a difference over the years. We're so grateful for his presence in the faith rituals we celebrate, and in the events of our daily lives and the encounters with others who make us feel his presence in special ways. It's just that...it's not been enough. There is always the "something more" we are looking for from him, but it never quite materializes.

One of his visits, he keeps telling us, will be the big one—just keep hanging on. And when we need it most, when we hope for it most, when we are sure it will be soon, another year, another decade, another century passes by. He knows we are hurting; he sees our struggles for a decent life, he feels the force of the explosions, and he sees the bloodshed. He hears the cries of heartache and every groan of pain. He is



Fr. Bob, osc, illuminated the first letters of selected Scripture texts from the Crosier Lectionary for the Liturgy of the Hours.



keenly aware of our struggles to fix our relationships, to live well on the land and to deal with the dark forces that overwhelm us and seem out of control. He said he was coming, but why isn't he here? Is he not coming at all?

It's Advent, and perhaps the annual excitement of the season dulls our hearing. Yes, I am coming, he says. You won't be able to guess the day or the hour. Each of my visits is the promised renewed. Hold on to the memories of them. Yes, I am walking amid the weeds of your wheat fields. All my visits want to encourage you to keep cultivating the Garden we have begun together.

Live, pray, expect, work with conviction. The Great Visit will surely come, and you will see: no more tears, no more pain, no more death, only New Heavens and a New Earth. Can you hear the echoes of that eventual and Glorious Coming in this 2023 Advent, too? ✠

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EL ADVIENTO NOS PREPARA PARA LA ESPERANZA DE LO QUE ESTÁ POR VENIR

— Por el P. Bob Rossi, osc

No hay nada más molesto que alguien que contaba con llegar, pero no llega como se esperaba o quizás no llega. Los sentimientos se hieren, las fiestas se arruinan, la ira comienza a hervir, se acumulan ansiedades sobre lo que está causando el retraso y la decepción proyecta una gran sombra, sobre todo.

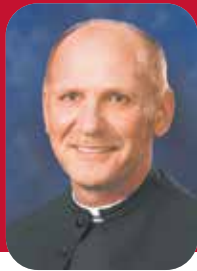
Es tiempo de Adviento y se nos enseña a esperar a Jesús. No es que no haya estado aquí antes. Sus Navidades han sido edificantes. Sus saludos de la mañana de Pascua han marcado una gran diferencia a lo largo de los años. Estamos muy agradecidos por su presencia en los rituales de fe que celebramos y en los acontecimientos de nuestra vida diaria y los encuentros con otras personas que nos hacen

sentir su presencia de manera especial. Es sólo que... no ha sido suficiente. Siempre está ese "algo más" que buscamos de él, pero nunca llega a materializarse.

Una de sus visitas, nos sigue diciendo, será la más importante: sigue aguantando. Y cuando más lo necesitamos, cuando más lo esperamos, cuando estamos seguros de que será pronto, pasa otro año, otra década, otro siglo. Él sabe que estamos sufriendo; ve nuestras luchas por una vida digna, siente la fuerza de las explosiones y ve el derramamiento de sangre. Escucha los gritos de dolor y cada gemido de dolor. Él es muy consciente de nuestras luchas para arreglar nuestras relaciones, vivir bien en la tierra y lidiar con las fuerzas oscuras que nos abruman y parecen estar fuera de control.

Dijo que vendría, pero ¿por qué no está aquí? ¿No viene en absoluto?

Es tiempo de Adviento, y tal vez el entusiasmo anual de la temporada embota nuestro oído. Sí, ya voy, dice. No podrás adivinar el día ni la hora. Cada una de mis visitas es la promesa renovada. Aférrate a sus recuerdos. Sí, camino entre la maleza de tus trigales. Todas mis visitas quieren animarnos a seguir cultivando el Jardín que hemos iniciado juntos. Viva, ore, espere, trabaje con convicción. Seguramente vendrá la Gran Visita y verán: no más lágrimas, no más dolor, no más muerte, sólo Nuevos Cielos y una Nueva Tierra. ¿Puedes escuchar los ecos de esa eventual y Gloriosa Venida también en este Adviento de 2023? ✠



CROSIERS GATHER IN ONAMIA for annual in-person conventual priory chapter

By Fr. Tom Enneking, osc

Once a year, all members of the Conventual Priory of the Holy Cross, which includes both Phoenix and Onamia, assemble for an in-person gathering that we call “chapter.” The term “chapter” comes from the monastic tradition of gathering daily after morning worship to reflect on a chapter of the rule followed by the community and to organize the day’s work. In our case, we follow the Rule of St. Augustine, while our Benedictine brothers and sisters follow the Rule of St. Benedict.

Many of you are aware of Pope Francis’ effort to foster the life of the Church by encouraging all members to come together and listen to one another to discern the Lord’s call to us as a community of faith immersed in a world of many diverse concerns and realities. Our chapter is a spiritual practice that seeks to discern the call of the Lord in the experience of the broader community and world in the light of the Gospel. It is challenging work that enlivens us as we touch the heart of who we are called to be in our respective places and contexts.

While we no longer observe the practice of a daily chapter, the tradition of gathering in chapter remains very significant for us. Our 1967 Constitutions, renewed as a response to the encouragement of the Second Vatican Council, include two chapters on the role and principles of our chapters (chapters 8 and 9). Here we find this inspiring definition of the role of chapter in Crosier Religious Life: “The chapters constitute the heart, the nucleus, and the unifying force of a community...the effectiveness of these chapters depends upon the power of idea and initiative originating in the local community chapters.” We also remind ourselves that “our first task as members of a chapter is that of keeping ourselves open to hearing the voice of the Lord in the words of our brothers.” How’s that for gathering in a spirit of listening and discernment!

We were once again graced and blessed to gather in person from Aug. 14–18 in Onamia, Minn. We began our chapter with time in small groups to check in with one another about our lives in all their dimensions. This was followed by a Mass of the Holy Spirit invoking the outpouring of the Spirit to help us be truly present to what we heard and did throughout our chapter.

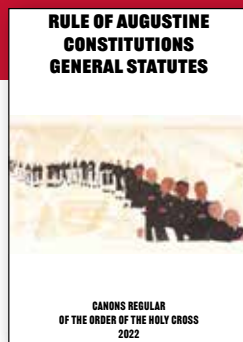
The first major session entailed an update on the various aspects of our life: leadership and personnel, vocations, initial formation, development and finances. We are aware that a significant reality of our community life is how quickly we have become an international community in both sites. With members from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, the Philippines and the United States (one of whom is Dutch by birth!), we are challenged to be a prophetic presence in our respective sites. While we share common religious ideals, we recognize that building a truly fraternal community where everyone feels at home is no easy task. Any capacity we have to do so is clear evidence of our charism (grace or gift from the Holy Spirit for the common good) at work among us.

It was very special to have our master general, Fr. Laurentius Tarpin, osc, with us this year along with one of his councilors, Fr. Yohannes Berchmans Rosaryanto, osc. Fr. Tarpin celebrated the Eucharist on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and updated us about what is happening in the various areas of the Order. We discussed his significant role in fostering the international character of our Order and cooperation among the areas in terms of finances and personnel to advance our mission to touch suffering with hope.

We were enlivened by special celebrations during the chapter, fêting our jubilarians for their 60 and 70 years of profession and 65 years of ordination. We basked in the light of so many years of dedicated service and commitment to Crosier Religious Life. On Sept. 17, we recognized Indonesian Independence Day with some beautiful music from Indonesia during our Eucharistic celebration. On our last day together, we celebrated the renewal of vows of Br. Eric Kalimbiro, osc, and the solemn profession of Br. Salama Vivalya, osc, both of whom are seminarians from the Congo living among us. Their respective professions renewed our own commitment to living Crosier Religious Life.

We are most grateful to all those who support our way of life. Your generous support provides the resources for us to gather in person once a year. Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to touch the heart, the nucleus and the unifying force of our community. These in-person chapters help us serve you and the world. God bless you! ✠

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LOS CROSIERS SE REÚNEN EN ONAMIA PARA EL CAPÍTULO ANUAL PRESENCIAL DEL PRIORATO CONVENTUAL

Por el P. Tom Enneking, osc

Una vez al año, todos los miembros del Priorato Conventual de la Santa Cruz, que incluye tanto Phoenix como Onamia, se reúnen para un encuentro en persona que llamamos “capítulo”. El término proviene de la tradición monástica de reunirse diariamente después del culto matutino para reflexionar sobre un capítulo de la regla que sigue la comunidad y organizar el trabajo del día. En nuestro caso, seguimos la Regla de San Agustín.

Muchos de nosotros conoce el esfuerzo del Papa Francisco por fomentar la vida de la Iglesia animando a todos los miembros a reunirse y escucharse para discernir la llamada que el Señor nos hace como comunidad de fe inmersa en un mundo de muchas y diversas preocupaciones y realidades. Nuestro capítulo es una práctica espiritual que busca discernir la llamada del Señor en la experiencia de la comunidad y del mundo en general. Es un trabajo desafiante que nos anima mientras tocamos el corazón de lo que estamos llamados a ser en nuestros respectivos lugares y contextos.

La tradición de reunarnos en capítulos es muy significativa para nosotros. Nuestras Constituciones de 1967, renovadas como respuesta al estímulo del Concilio Vaticano II, incluyen el papel y los principios de nuestros capítulos. También nos recuerdan que “nuestra primera tarea como miembros de un capítulo es la de mantenernos abiertos a escuchar la voz del Señor en las palabras de nuestros hermanos”.

Una vez más fuimos agraciados y bendecidos al reunarnos en persona del 14 al 18 de Agosto en Onamia, Minn. Comenzamos nuestro capítulo con un tiempo en pequeños grupos seguido de una Misa del Espíritu Santo invocando la efusión del Espíritu para ayudarnos a estar verdaderamente presentes en lo que escuchamos e hicimos a lo largo de nuestro capítulo.

La primera sesión importante consistió en ponernos al día sobre los diversos aspectos de nuestra vida: liderazgo y personal, vocaciones, formación inicial, desarrollo y finanzas. Somos conscientes de que una realidad significativa de nuestra vida comunitaria es lo rápidamente que nos hemos convertido en una comunidad internacional en ambas sedes. Con miembros de la República Democrática del Congo, Indonesia, Brasil, México, Filipinas y Estados Unidos (uno de los cuales es holandés de nacimiento!), tenemos el reto de ser una presencia profética en nuestros respectivos sitios. Aunque compartimos ideales religiosos comunes, reconocemos que construir una comunidad verdaderamente fraternal en la que todos se sientan como en casa no es tarea fácil. Cualquier capacidad que tengamos para hacerlo es una clara evidencia de nuestro carisma (gracia o don del Espíritu Santo para el bien común) actuando entre nosotros.

Fue muy especial contar este año con la presencia de nuestro maestro general, el P. Laurentius Tarpin, osc, y de uno de sus consejeros, el P. Yohannes Berchmans Rosaryanto, osc. El P. Tarpin celebró la Eucaristía en la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María y nos puso al día de lo que está ocurriendo en las diversas áreas de la Orden. Hablamos de su importante papel en el fomento del carácter internacional de nuestra Orden y la cooperación entre las áreas en términos de finanzas y personal para avanzar en nuestra misión de tocar el sufrimiento con esperanza.

Durante el capítulo tuvimos celebraciones especiales en honor de nuestros jubilares por sus 60 y 70 años de profesión y 65 años de ordenación. Disfrutamos de la luz de tantos años de servicio dedicado y compromiso con la Vida Religiosa Crosier. En nuestro último día juntos, celebramos la renovación de votos del Hno. Eric Kalimbiro, osc, y la profesión solemne del Hno. Salama Vivalya, osc, ambos seminaristas del Congo que viven entre nosotros. Sus respectivas profesiones renovaron nuestro propio compromiso de vivir la Vida Religiosa Crosier.

Estamos muy agradecidos a todos los que apoyan nuestro modo de vida. Su generoso apoyo nos proporciona los recursos para reunarnos en persona una vez al año. Gracias por brindarnos esta oportunidad de llegar al corazón, al núcleo y a la fuerza unificadora de nuestra comunidad. Estos capítulos en persona nos ayudan a servirles a ustedes y al mundo. Que Dios los bendiga. ✠

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FR. ZAWADI, OSC, COMMEMORATES OPENING OF CROSIER SCHOOL IN BUTEMBO



By Fr. Kambale Sambya Zawadi Jean-Marie, osc

Our dream is now a reality, and my heart is filled with joy! Why?

Because I recall the first message our development office sent to the confreres in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when we heard about the idea to build a school for the children in Butembo: **"We have a friend of the Crosiers named Ken Labore who wants us to set up a website for raising funds to build a school in Congo. We presented the request to the provincial council."**

Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, and his council approved this initiative. During one of my visits to Congo, I spoke seriously about the idea to community leaders and suggested we develop a plan to raise funds for this noble project. I knew in my heart that if we worked together, this project would be possible. Over the course of many planning sessions, we discussed the following: 1. A short history of the political, economic and social situation in Butembo; 2. The general and specific objective of the project; 3. The reasons this project is a necessity for the children in Butembo; 4. The beneficiaries of the project; 5. How this project will help the population to promote a culture of peace and non-violence; 6. The project risk analysis and logical framework; and 7. The strategies to adopt for the sustainability of the project. Praise be to God for his goodness through the generosity of many people of goodwill.

The opening of the school was an event that is engraved in my heart and mind. I didn't have much to say, as my emotions were high. On the morning of Sept. 11, 2023, our Crosier community in Butembo gathered to celebrate this event with students and parents. All of the classrooms were freshly cleaned, and the altar

was set up with ornaments in the middle of the school courtyard. Two hours before the celebration, the students began to arrive wearing new clothes incorporating an embroidered Crosier cross. The children were well dressed with new white shoes and blue skirts or dresses. It was beautiful to see! I am glad the children can experience this joy of studying in a new school with new furniture.

Some children asked their parents to enroll them in our new school—if not, they didn't want to go to school at all! For instance, one little girl, Anne Marie, expressed a desire to study at Holy Cross School even before the construction was finished. She enrolled after meeting Fr. Eric Lundgren—my friend and a diocesan priest in St. Cloud, Minn.—last year when we visited this project. She was the first student to be enrolled. Anne Marie hasn't forgotten that day we met her. She always reminds her mother that she was carried on the shoulders of a white man. So, whenever she sees a white person, she asks her mother whether it's Fr. Eric from America. On the day of the school opening, she saw our confreres from Rome, and she asked her mother to show her Fr. Eric. Unfortunately, Fr. Eric was not able to be present. It is our hope that Anne Marie will be included in the history of the school as the first schoolgirl of the Complexe Scolaire Sainte Croix. If she finds a sponsor, for \$2,500 she will be able to study until the end of high school. There are 25 students like Anne Marie who need sponsors so they too can stay at school until high school graduation.



Master General Tarpin, osc, cut the ceremonial ribbon as Fr. Zawadi, osc; Fr. Benjamin, osc; and the school principal look on.

Just before the dedication of the school I saw a white car arrive. Inside were the master general of the Crosiers, Fr. Laurentius Tarpin, osc, and his councilor, Fr. Pierre-Paul Walraet, osc, who came from Rome for the dedication and blessing. Children were amazed to see people who were not from Butembo! The master general was the main celebrant at the Eucharist, which incorporated nice songs and dances. Children and parents were happy to hear from the master general that the school will provide a quality education and reduce the anxiety of local youth by helping them move forward with confidence and optimism.

Finally, at the end of the celebration, we blessed all of the rooms: 36 classrooms, the library, the computer resource room, the offices and the lavatories as well as the outdoor space where the students enjoy sports activities. It was an exciting day for the people around our Crosier community in Butembo. On behalf of the Crosiers in Congo and around the world, I thank all of our donors for their generosity and support. Together we work hard, dream big and never stop trying to touch suffering with hope. ✝



The school children and teachers joyfully greet Master General Tarpin, osc.



A teacher gives a geography lesson on the computer.



The school assembly gathers for the opening ceremony of the new school in Butembo.

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CROSIER BROTHERS PROFESS VOWS TO MASTER GENERAL

By Lisa A.M. Cassidy

In the presence of Crosier confreres, friends and Crosier Apostolate members, Br. Eric Kalimbiriro, osc, renewed his vows for three years, and Br. Salama Vivalya, osc, professed his



Master General Tarpin, osc, accepts the renewal of vows by Br. Eric Kalimbiriro, osc.

solemn vows to Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc. The ceremony took place Aug. 18 at the Holy Cross Priory Church in Onamia, Minn.

Br. Salama's and Br. Eric's family, friends and confreres in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were able to view the liturgy via live stream on the Crosiers' YouTube channel.

When asked how they each felt on this special day, Br. Salama said, "It is truly a joyous moment for me to have professed my solemn vows as a Crosier religious. The journey has been both challenging and rewarding, and I'm incredibly grateful for the support and formation I've received from my community and, most importantly, from God. I thank all who continuously pray for religious vocations. I'm truly blessed to be on this path." Br. Eric shared, "This is a joyful day for me, and I feel very good! Next for me in my vocation journey is to work toward making my solemn vows."

"We are very grateful for Br. Salama's and Br. Eric's presence in our midst. We thank them for their faith and for saying Yes! to this call," said Conventual Prior Tom Enneking, osc. "May God guide and bless them as they continue on their journey to learn and grow in Crosier Religious Life."

Both men are participating in the International Post-Novitiate in English (IPNE), a program established by the master general in 2020. Brs. Salama and Eric are in the United States to grow in their Crosier vocations as well as improve their facility in English, which is the official language of the Crosier Order. The program is managed by the Conventual Priory of the Holy Cross.



Fr. Tarpin, osc, blesses Br. Salama Vivalya, osc, during the profession liturgy.

Br. Eric was born in 1994. He entered the Crosier novitiate Sept. 13, 2017, and made his first profession of vows Sept. 13, 2019.

Br. Salama was born in 1995. He entered the

Crosier novitiate in 2015 and professed his first vows Sept. 14, 2017.

As part of the IPNE program, Brs. Salama and Eric completed one year of intensive English study at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. During their post-novitiate formation, they are studying theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. ✝

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MUCH-NEEDED GRIEF MINISTRY



offered to Spanish speakers in Phoenix

By Frannie Nguyen, guest contributor

Grief comes from "dolus," which means pain; pain is love, it hurts because we love—"love hurts."

The loss of a loved one plunges us into a process of physical, psychological and emotional wear and tear. The simplest tasks can seem exhausting; what do I do now, do I sink or survive?

We have the conviction, by faith, that death is the birth into true life, and although we believe this, we cannot avoid the pain that the absence causes us. However, as the saying goes, "pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional."

Humans are beings of connection; the greatest human need is to feel loved. We are social beings; we need love, recognition and acceptance to grow, mature and live fully. We are in constant social interaction, forming emotional bonds, and when those bonds are broken, it causes us pain. The closer the bond, the more painful the loss.

We enter grief with sadness; grief is a path from the heart, and no one can escape the life experience that occurs when emotional bonds are broken. Life moves us, shakes us and surprises us; it puts us face to face with loss and the need to adapt to the changes that occur in this evolving process.

To grieve means to live life day by day, honoring those who have passed, seeking meaning in love and thanking God for the time shared because gratitude is the memory of the heart.

We are part of the community of those who suffer. "Abrazo Ágape" (Agape Hug) emerged from the pain of losing the heart of the family and the need to place "surplus love" where it could serve and grow. God, who transforms everything with His love, led us to the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, always generous, aware of the need for emotional support in the Hispanic community during grief. They decided to bring it to Crosier Village, transforming the project into a hopeful and beautiful ministry with workshops providing emotional and spiritual support to help manage the grieving process.

Grateful to God and the Crosiers, we put our hearts into this mission of helping those in grief find peace. ✝

Frannie Nguyen works with the Abrazo Agape ministry and is a friend of the Crosiers in Phoenix

SE OFRECE UN MUY NECESARIO MINISTERIO DE DUELO A HISPANOHABLANTE EN PHOENIX

Duelo viene de dolus que significa dolor; el dolor es amor, nos duele por que amamos "el amor duele."

La pérdida de un ser querido nos sumerge en un proceso de desgaste físico, psicológico y emocional, la tarea más simple puede parecer agotadora; qué hago ahora, me hundo o sobrevivo?

Tenemos la convicción por fe, que la muerte es el nacimiento a la verdadera vida, y aunque creemos esto, no podemos evitar el dolor que nos provoca la ausencia; sin embargo "el dolor es inevitable pero el sufrimiento es opcional."

Los seres humanos somos seres de vínculos, la más grande necesidad humana es sentirnos amados; somos seres sociales, necesitamos amor, reconocimiento, aceptación, para poder crecer, madurar y vivir con plenitud. Estamos en constante interacción social, estrechando lazos afectivos, y cuando esos vínculos se rompen nos produce dolor, entre más cercano el vínculo, más dolorosa es la pérdida.

Entramos al duelo con tristeza, el duelo es un camino desde el corazón y nadie puede escapar de la experiencia vital que se produce cuando se rompen los vínculos afectivos. La vida se nos mueve, nos sacude y nos sorprende; nos pone frente a la pérdida, y la necesidad de adaptarnos a los cambios que se generan en el proceso de evolución.

Hacer el duelo significa vivir la vida día a día honrando a quien se adelantó, buscar un significado en el amor agradeciendo a Dios por el tiempo compartido, porque la Gratitude es la memoria del corazón.

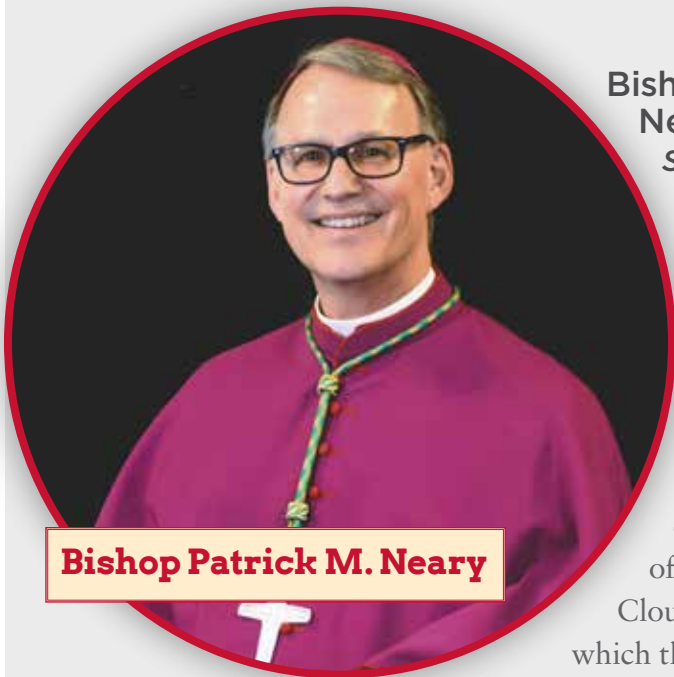
Somos parte de la comunidad de los que sufren! Abrazo Ágape surge del dolor al perder el corazón de la familia, y la necesidad de colocar "el amor sobrante" en donde pudiera servir y crecer. Dios que con su amor todo lo transforma, nos lleva hasta Los Padres y Hermanos Cruzados, siempre generosos; conscientes de la necesidad de apoyo emocional para el duelo en la comunidad hispana; decidieron traerlo a la Villa de los Cruzados, transformando el proyecto en un esperanzador y hermoso ministerio, con talleres de apoyo emocional y espiritual que ayudan a gestionar el proceso en las pérdidas.

Agradecidos con Dios y Los Cruzados, ponemos el corazón en esta misión de llevar a los dolientes a encontrar La Paz. ✝

CROSIERS WELCOME NEW BISHOPS IN ST. CLOUD AND PHOENIX DIOCESES



By Fr. Kermit Holl, osc, and
Fr. Jude Verley, osc



Bishop Patrick M. Neary

Bishop Patrick M. Neary, Diocese of St. Cloud (Minn.)

On Feb. 14, 2023, Fr. Patrick M. Neary of the Congregation of Holy Cross (CSC) was ordained bishop of the Diocese of St.

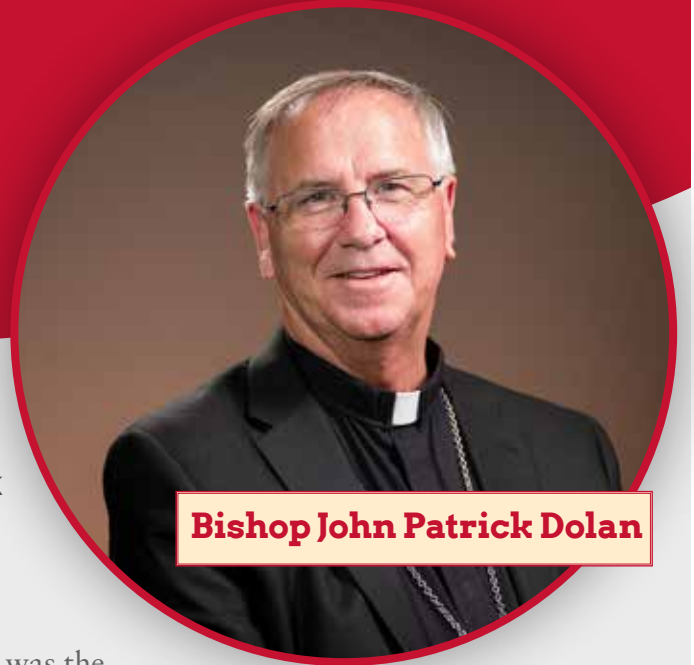
Cloud, the diocese in which the Crosier filial priory in Onamia is located.

When called by Pope Francis to this new ministry in the Church, Fr. Neary had been serving as pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland, Ore. He has also had experience as a seminary rector, a formation director in his Holy Cross religious community and as a missionary in Kenya and Uganda. He succeeded Bishop Don Kettler, who was an alumnus of Crosier Seminary Junior College in Onamia.

Bishop Neary is 60 years old, the firstborn of six children to Jacob and Marybelle Neary; Pat was the older brother to five sisters. Pat studied history at the University of Notre Dame and Spanish in both Mexico and Chile.

It is clear in meeting Bishop Patrick that he is a “people person,” ready to listen before he readies to speak. He is warm in personality, quietly jovial and very sharp. Amid a tremendous learning curve in becoming the bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Bishop Neary is friendly, attentive to the present as a steppingstone into the future and a very lovable man. He smiles easily, and his heart is open.

The Crosiers wish our fellow religious and our new diocesan shepherd Bishop Patrick every blessing as we look forward to ministering with him among the flock of the Lord in Central Minnesota. ✠



Bishop John Patrick Dolan

Bishop John Patrick Dolan, Diocese of Phoenix

Surprised! That was the reaction of John Patrick Dolan (then-auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of San Diego) on the morning of Pentecost 2022 (June 5), when he received a call from the apostolic nuncio to the United States, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, saying that Pope Francis desired him to be bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix.

After Bishop Dolan’s “Yes” to the Holy Father’s request, preparation was made for his Installation on Aug. 2, 2022. Since that time, the diocese has seen a whirlwind of activity with Bishop Dolan seemingly popping up everywhere as he experiences his new diocese and where he desires to lead it with his unique gifts and talents.

Two characteristics of the bishop are his Irish background, of which he is very proud, and his being permeated by the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. The wonderful traits of an Irishman are visibly present in him as he interacts with the people of Phoenix. As with his Irish heritage, the traits of the inspirational council are evident in all he does. He is what one might call a “Francis bishop,” taking his inspiration and cues from the ministry of Pope Francis.

But there is, sadly, a pall hanging over the life of Bishop Dolan. He has experienced the suicide of three of his (seven) siblings and one of his brothers-in-law. These events led him to open a diocesan office of mental health ministry, and to preside over Masses for those who have experienced suicide in their own families. These Masses have seen hundreds participate, since, in the words of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, mental illness is a serious problem in Phoenix.

But Bishop John Patrick Dolan’s Irish faith and wit keep him going. And we, the Crosier community and the People of God in Phoenix, are tremendously blessed by his presence and ministry and are grateful to Pope Francis for providing us with a good Irish, Vatican II Council bishop! ✠



Fr. Kermit Holl, osc, is the filial prior and member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Onamia, and Fr. Jude Verley, osc, is a member of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Phoenix.

FR. KERMIT, OSC, REFLECTS ON RECENT PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY



By Fr. Kermit Holl, osc

About two years ago, I was asked by a coordinator from a Catholic tour company to be the chaplain for a group of pilgrims who would be taking a “Shrines of Italy” excursion. While I do enjoy traveling, especially in this case as my costs would be generously covered by the touring group itself, my initial response to logistician Ace Consolacion was, “No. I don’t think that I can do that.”



The pilgrims enjoy their time at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Padua.

My reasons for declining the opportunity were twofold. First, I was concerned with my challenge of occasional claustrophobia and how this condition might become painfully manifest across the many unknowns of such a journey. Second, I was not sure whether my particular spirituality, which is usually more pragmatic than devout, would actually prove useful and acceptable to my fellow pilgrims. Nonetheless, Ace was persistent in making his request, and eventually I agreed to join the group. “Thinking, okay, why not?”



Fr. Kermit Holl, osc, preaches at the Cathedral of San Marcos in Venice.

Thus, on Oct. 1, we 22 pilgrims set out toward Venice, Italy, on an overnight flight from Seattle. While many of the group obviously knew one another from previous trips taken together, everyone was new to me, and I was aware of my inner self asking, “Well, now, just how is this going to go? Should I have stayed home?”

It turns out that I need not have worried, as very quickly I found my footing as their chaplain, and a natural bond of friendship and community took hold between us because we were thereafter “all in this together,” no matter the ups or the downs that would come as we made our pilgrims’ way. The group was also very supportive of my being first a fellow pilgrim who, albeit, was also a priest, rather than my having to be an all-knowing, all-glorified Fr. Holl who would assume to know what would be best for them along the way. Instead, we set out together and subsequently delighted in meeting each other along the way.

Interestingly, this was the biggest surprise for me on our journey: though we visited many holy sites and shared prayer along the way, it was the personal encounters with my 21 fellow travelers that most captured my heart and made me so glad to be with them. I quickly came to enjoy my companions and felt such a love from them that my heart and my spirit were always at ease.

While I can see how Chaucer was able to compose “The Canterbury Tales” as the intensity of a pilgrimage reveals many things quickly about its characters, on our trip together each day revealed to me more kindness, more communion and more grace. The Lord of the journey was obvious as our companion and guide, and though originally I did not know “What I had gone out to see,” it was revealed to me in the growing fondness and mutual presence among us even on days that were tiring, hot and a lot of work.

That being said, it was, of course, still interesting to visit such places as Venice, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo and Rome, among others.

How natural it seemed, then, on the second-to-last day of our journey, to join thousands of other pilgrims from around the world in attending a Papal Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square even as the Synod on Synodality was underway in the Vatican. This encounter helped solidify the sense that we are all indeed pilgrims everywhere always, each searching to know and love God in the days that we are given.



The group gathers around Fr. Kermit, osc, after Mass.

Across 2,000 years, the shrines of Italy bear testimony to both the sorrows and the hopes of humanity walking together—even if we don’t remember the simple majesty of this call so often. But isn’t this what we are called to go out and see? I think that I see it better now. ✠

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



PLANNED GIVING

makes a lasting gift for the future

By Elisabeth Wisthoff

We celebrate the joy of Christmas by exchanging gifts, a tradition that echoes those given by the Magi to the Christ Child.

The generous presentation of a thoughtful gift expresses the love, caring and kindness the giver feels for the recipient. Making a planned gift to the Crosiers expresses the same fondness.

What is a planned gift? Simply put, it is a gift you make through your will, trust or estate that the Crosiers receive after your passing. It is not difficult to do, has no impact on you during your lifetime and is not limited to only the wealthy. In fact, almost anyone can make a planned gift.

It can be as simple as an amount you designate from a bank account; it can be a portion or all of an individual retirement account or life insurance policy as you decide; or it can take the form of a Crosier charitable gift annuity that pays you monthly income with the residual amount remaining with the Order. *(There are even more ways to leave a legacy gift—please contact us to learn how to customize your gift plans.)*

Planned, or legacy, gifts are as unique as the people who make them; they are personal expressions of concern for the Crosiers. When you make a planned gift, you will be listed as a member of the Crosier Honor Roll Society.

Your plans are as confidential as you wish; you can share some or all of your specific

gift with the Crosiers. We will never ask for your plans, your personal papers or get involved in your arrangements; the only document we request is a gift intention form, in which you can provide as much or as little information as you wish.

Caring, customized and confidential—when you make a planned gift to the Crosiers, you ensure that your loving friendship continues and is perpetually remembered, and the Crosiers' ministry is supported in the future. ✠

To discuss how planned giving can work for you, contact Elisabeth Wisthoff, Director of Development at 602.443.7100.

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

CROSIERS HAVE LASTING IMPACT on reformed man in Phoenix

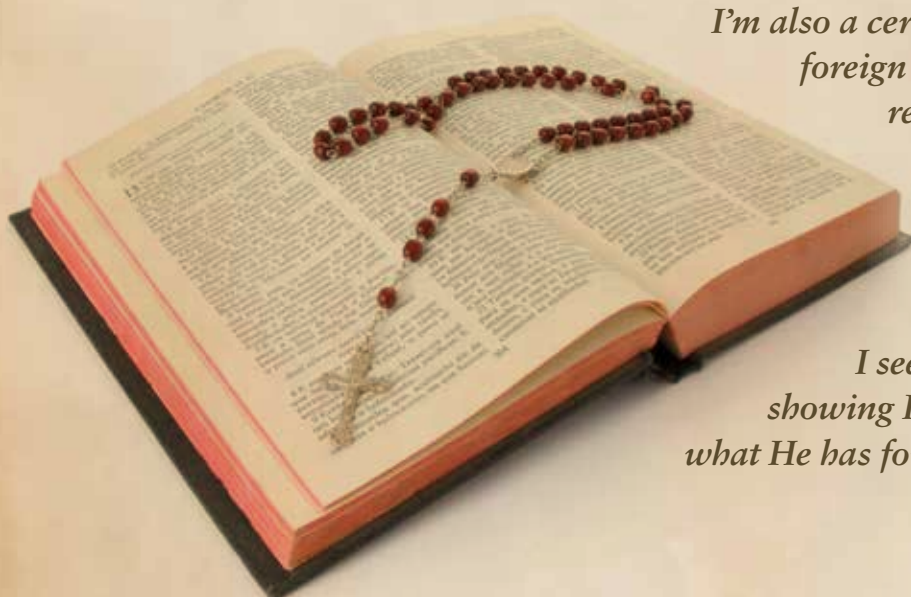


Periodically, the Crosiers receive emails or letters from people whose lives they have touched with hope. The note below was written by a former inmate whom Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, accompanied during his time of incarceration.

Fr. Tom,

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas. I hope all is well and that this card brings you joy for the season.

Since we last spoke, I've gone through A LOT! But thanks to God bringing you and so many others to my life, I've been able to live in His peace. You encouraged me to sing in worship for the past seven years. I now sing a little less but it's because I'm the senior most knowledgeable person on our new sound equipment. We just got \$12,000 worth of wireless equipment, rack gear, and 22-channel mix board. We now have 18 guitars, five amps, five pianos, two drum sets and my babe: a SoundCraft Signature Series 22.



I'm also a certified braille transcriber who specializes in foreign language, STEM, and tactile graphics. We recently transcribed a book for a blind woman named "K" who flew across the country.

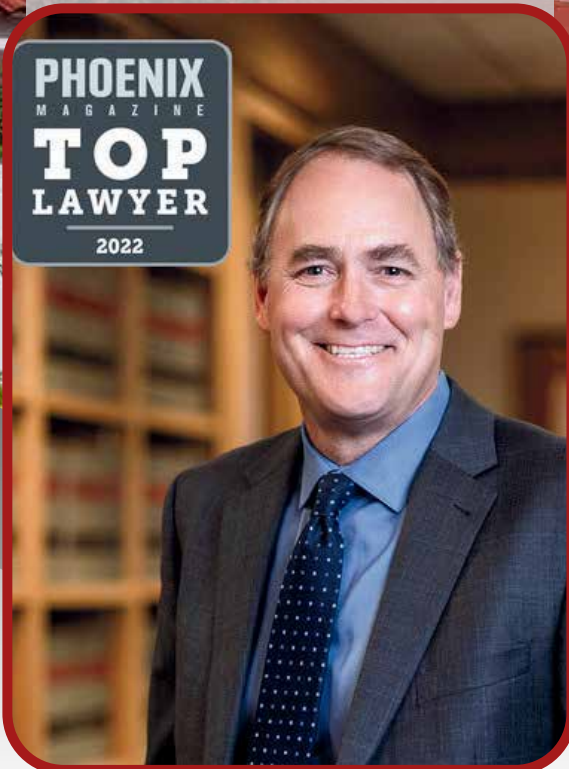
Lastly, I see God's hand guiding and protecting me every moment of each day. I see His love and His mission. I thank you for showing Him to me and helping me understand what He has for me. God bless you and your work.

*In Christ's Love,
— A.V.*

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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2024

Register via email to receptionist@crosier.org, or by calling 602.443.7100.

Questions? Contact Elisabeth Wisthoff, Development Director.

REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED

NEWS FROM ROME

Fr. Dave Donnay, osc, recently participated in a Vatican conference sponsored by the Pontifical Academy on the Social Sciences on Faith-Consistent Investing.

The conference is based on “Mensuram Bonam,” (good measure) a document published last year. The Crosiers are working to ensure that their investments reflect their faith values in their collaboration with investment professionals.

In other news, Fr. Kambale Bwirabwahali, Joseph, osc, a Congolese confrere preparing to study clinical psychology in Rome, will move to Dijon, France, to begin doctoral studies. The Martyrs de Bondo Province sponsors the Listening Center, which provides service to those who have been traumatized by the continuing violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Fr. Joseph, osc, will use his education to continue this work and teach psychology to the next generation at Holy Cross College, the Crosier school in eastern Congo.

Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc, met with his Extended Council (Oct. 23–27, 2023) at the Generalate in Rome. The



Master General Tarpin, osc, and members of his Extended Council celebrate a productive meeting.

agenda included a review of reports on the spiritual well-being in the parts of the Order; the development of Crosier personnel plans; an assessment of the 2022 General Chapter implementation progress; discussions on financial matters, including the 2024 Generalate Budget and an evaluation of the Crosier Global Development Office and the International Post-Novitiate Formation Program. The meeting concluded with a nice dinner and the spirit of Crosier fraternity.

Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc, and Councilor Pierre-Paul Walraet, osc, enjoyed an extended visit in the Congo in preparation for the opening of the school in Butembo. Fr. Pierre-Paul, osc, said, “Being back with the Crosiers in the Congo after 10 years was a very special experience for many reasons.” ✠



Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, and Master General Tarpin, osc, share a fraternal moment.



Left: Fr. Rosa, osc; Bishop Anton, osc; and Master General Tarpin, osc, enjoy time together before dinner.

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

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Apostolate gifts ensure that the Crosiers in Onamia and Phoenix do what they do best—touch suffering with hope—without interruption. Apostolate members receive a unique Crosier cross pin and are invited to events that honor their support. Plus, members are remembered at a weekly Mass for their special intentions and enrolled in the Crosier Book of Life for perpetual remembrance.

Just fill out the form and mail back the envelope included here to activate your membership in the Apostolate—it’s fast, easy and makes a real contribution to the Crosiers and the spiritual accompaniment they provide, 365 days a year.

Now, that’s a resolution we can all keep!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Elisabeth Wisthoff, Director of Development, at 602.443.7100

Welcome

The Crosier Apostolate



We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Crosier Apostolate who joined July 7 — Oct. 30, 2023.

We hope you will consider adding your name.

Joseph & Karen Becker
Eden Valley, Minnesota

George & Lucille Gallery
Phoenix, Arizona

Edward & Francine Mattina
Phoenix, Arizona

Therese Kalunga Mbuya
Glendale, Arizona

Dick & Mary Schweizer
Shoreview, Minnesota

Lance & Sara Van Houten
Scottsdale, Arizona



CROSIER WORLD NEWS

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

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

In September, the Province Martyrs de Bondo gathered for its second provincial chapter. Members re-elected confrere Fr. Muhindo Byanjiya Benjamin, osc, as prior provincial for a second three-year term. They also elected the following confreres to serve on his provincial council: Fr. Sirikivuya Mumbere Aristide osc; Fr. Kambale Malula Gaston, osc; and Fr. Kambere Ombeni Augustin, osc.

Also in September, the Crosiers in the Congo welcomed 12 postulants and 11 novices. With the other 13 confreres who are in their second year of novitiate, there are 24 novices in Mulo this year! Two Crosiers were ordained to the diaconate and two to the priesthood.

During his vacation, Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, worked with the province's development director, Fr. Gaston, osc, on several projects including a plan for the sustainability of the Crosiers' new school in Butembo. The school already has 400 students registered and is projected to have 1,600 students in the next five years. Holy Cross School is one of the few schools in Congo where children have access to computers at the elementary level, but the school still needs more computers. We are grateful to all whose generosity has allowed us to build this school, and we invite more generous people to help us continue to carry out our mission.



Fr. Benjamin Muhindo, osc, (middle) and his councilors take a moment for a quick photo together following the election.



Fr. Hubert Kavusa, osc, helps the students with their schoolwork.



*Newly ordained
Fr. Yustinus Yung Sutrisno, osc,
strikes a prayerful pose following
his ordination Mass.*

INDONESIA

The investiture and reception of five Crosier novices took place Aug. 27, 2023, at the Pratista Priory in Bandung by Prior Provincial Agustinus Agung Riyanto, osc.

Deacon Yustinus Yung Sutrisno, osc, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Antonius B. Subianto, osc, on Sept. 8, 2023, in the Diocese of Bandung.

Most Rev. Anton Subianto, osc, Crosier bishop of Bandung and head of the Indonesian bishops' conference, participated in the first session of the Synod on Synodality in October. While in Rome, he visited the Crosier Generalate and shared his experience.

BRAZIL

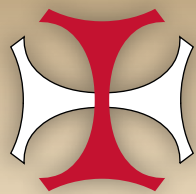
Fr. Elione Correa, osc, was elected the new Crosier prior at the Priorato da Santa Cruz (Priory of the Holy Cross) in Brazil. ✠



*Fr. Elione, osc, smiles joyfully after
his election as the new prior.*

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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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REST IN PEACE

Please join us in remembering in your prayers the following Crosier alumni and relatives who recently died. We send our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

Note: The Crosier Fathers and Brothers founded and operated Crosier Seminary in Onamia, Minnesota (1922–1989), Sacred Heart Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana (1939–1948), and Our Lady of the Lake Seminary and Wawasee Prep in Syracuse, Indiana (1948–1975).

Elmer J. Berta

Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, 1953

Edward J. Gust

Crosier High School, 1948; Crosier College, 1950; Former Crosier

Timothy James Jehl

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Crosier College, 1976

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Fr. Tom Enneking, osc, reflects on the Crosiers' in-person gathering for the annual conventual priory chapter in Onamia, Minn. Master General Laurentius Tarpin, osc, and one of his councilors, Fr. Yohannes Berchmans Rosaryanto, osc, participated in this year's chapter.

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NEWS FROM ROME and CROSIER WORLD NEWS sections.



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