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Provincial Ponderings



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

When I was first ordained, I remember pulling out a Canon Law book (the Law of the Church) one night when I was home on vacation. I was only ordained a month and as I was sitting in the living room with my mother, I found her a section that read that if anyone hit a priest they were excommunicated from the church. My mother just looked at me and said that was a fine law but it didn't apply to her, she would always be my mother and if I ever needed a good whack in the head she still had every right to do so – whether I was a priest or not!

This month of May within the Church is a beautiful month because it is a time when we honor a mother, indeed we honor our mother. Mothers hold a special place in our hearts. For nine months they carried us in their womb, nurturing us, and giving us life. They are the ones that gave birth to us, allowing us to share in this wonderful gift of life. They have cared for us, taken care of us, and while not in every situation, we find that in most cases the mother of the household is the one who has been the primary care giver.

As Catholics we are often criticized by our other fellow Christian brothers and sisters that we worship Mary as God. We praise Mary and we pray to

her, not as God, but as one who was the first and best disciple of all. We remember Mary not simply because she was the Mother of God but more importantly because she heard the Word of God and responded to it with her whole heart, soul, and being. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about a woman in the crowd listening to Jesus who sings the praises of the women who gave him life. "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed," (Luke 11:27). To which Jesus responds: "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it," (Luke 11:28). At first glance it seems as if the Son is dismissing his mother but on the contrary, the Son is praising his mother. Mary is blessed not simply because she bore Christ, but she is blessed because she heard God speak to her and acted on it.

Her response to God was not an easy one. Here is a young girl between the ages of 14 and 16 with her whole life mapped out before her. She is arranged to be married to Joseph the carpenter. I imagine Mary had most of her life planned out. She would be a good and faithful wife to Joseph; she would bear him children and raise a good family. They would lead a simple yet good life in Nazareth. But God had other plans. He calls to her, he beckons, and he asks her to be the Mother of his Son. Her yes not only changed the course of the history of the world we live in, but it radically changed her life.

Her simple life with Joseph was now in immediate turmoil. After she finally convinces Joseph (with God's help) that she was to be the Mother of the Messiah she is forced to travel by donkey to a town far away while in the eighth month of her pregnancy. They finally arrive and there is no room for them. She is forced to go to a stable and in the middle of a barn

full of animals she gives birth to her son. None of this was what she had mapped out for herself but her yes to God changed everything. Even then she is forced to flee with her husband and newborn child into a foreign land because some wanted her newborn son dead. Not exactly what she had in mind for herself but because of her yes, the path of her life took many a twist and turn. That is what happens when we say yes to God – he leads us where we do not know and where we might never expect.

Mary is praised because she did what a disciple is called to do: hear the voice of God and say yes. Where that call will lead is never known, except for by God. I would venture to guess that God is somehow calling you – what he is saying only you know. Our response is up to us, but we have before us a model of what it means to say yes to God. Take a risk and imitate a great role model. Take a risk and listen to God and say yes.

I've been a priest for 35 years now and the day of my ordination (May 15) as I knelt before the bishop and said yes to God, I had no idea where he would lead me. If you told me 35 years ago of all the places I would minister, I would have thought you were crazy. The yes we offer to God puts us on a path of love that leads us wherever he takes us. But he walks with us as we walked with Mary. I have had some twists and turns since I said yes to God, but I can honestly say that I have been happy with every twist and turn. It has truly been a wonderful journey.

For Mary's faithfulness, we thank God. For her yes, we praise God. Because of her example may we have the courage to say yes to God in whatever he is asking us to do. AMEN!

*In the Spirit of the Redeemer,
Paul J. Borowski, C.Ss.R.*

Upcoming 2022/2023 Dates

Monday, May 23 - Friday, May 27, 2022 North American Redemptorist Student Gathering at Redemptorist Retreat Center; Oconomowoc, WI

Tuesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 2, 2022 Province Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ; Retreat directed by Armado Picardal, C.Ss.R.

Tuesday, July 5 - Thursday, July 7, 2022 A Summer Break "Coming Together as Confreres" at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 Province Picnic at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ; (With Night at the Races after the Picnic)

Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. Province Jubilee Celebration: Mass & Luncheon at Sacred Heart of Jesus; Baltimore, MD

Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 10 a.m. Priesthood Ordination for Brian Vaccaro, C.Ss.R., at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Washington, DC. Bishop Michael Burbidge (Arlington, VA) is the ordaining Bishop

Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 11 a.m. Priesthood Ordination for Royce Thomas, C.Ss.R. at St Anthony's; Guapo Cap-de-Ville Main Rd; Point Fortin, Trinidad. Archbishop Charles Jason Gordon (Port of Spain, Trinidad) is the ordaining Bishop

Monday, August 15, 2022 Convoing of the XVIII Provincial Chapter

Sunday, September 11 - Friday, October 7, 2022 Phase 2 (Canonical Phase) of XXVI General Chapter; Rome, Italy

Tuesday, November 29 - Thursday, December 1, 2022 Province Convocation at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ
(Tuesday, November 29, 2022 will be Provincial Candidates Day)

Monday, February 13 - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Province Retreat (Southeast Region) at St. Alphonsus Villa; New Smyrna Beach, FL

Thursday, February 16, 2023 Province Jubilee Celebration (Southeast Region)

Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 17, 2023 and if necessary Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24, 2023 XVIII Baltimore Provincial Chapter at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ

Tuesday, May 30 - Thursday, June 1, 2023 Province Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House; Long Branch, NJ

Communications Updates

• Daily Audio Podcasts on the readings of the day may be found at redemptorists.net in either Spanish or English.

• Weekly Video reflections on the upcoming Sunday readings (Cycle C) may be found on Facebook: facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore or YouTube: youtube.com/BaltRedemptorists. These videos are released each Wednesday.

• Saturday, June 18: Online video service "Praying with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help."

Upcoming EPC Meetings

Future EPC meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM until further notice

• **No May Meeting**

• June 15th - 16th, 2022
• July 6th, 2022 (San Alfonso; Long Branch, NJ)
• **No August Meeting**

• September 7th - 8th
• October 19th - 20th
• November 16th - 17th
• December 2nd (San Alfonso; Long Branch, NJ)

New Redemptorist Logo Revealed

You may have noticed a few changes around our social media. We are beginning to brand our Wednesday Reflections as “Words from the Heart,” we are including photos of each speaker for the daily podcast reflections to make them more personal and engaging, and there are a few more new elements to come.

We are excited to unveil our new logo! This new logo will join the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and the Redemptorist Seal to create a logo suite to further tell the story of The Redemptorists. If you have any questions about the logos, please reach out to the Director of Communications, Katie Carpenter, at kcarpenter@redemptorists.net.

The Redemptorist Seal



The Seal will still be used by The Redemptorists of the Baltimore

Province. Its primary purpose will be used for official communications from the Provincial Office, and as needed elsewhere.

The Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help



Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Help). The Redemptorists of the Baltimore Province will continue to make her known throughout the Province and the world. She is an important piece to the entire picture of the Redemptorists and will continue to be the visual element for The Perpetual Help Center.

The New Redemptorist Logo



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The Redemptorists are pleased to unveil a new logo that recognizes the life and spirituality of the Redemptorist founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori. The crest recognizes the four pillars of St. Alphonsus’ spirituality, including the Crib, the Cross, the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother. The Redemptorists are devoted to these four pillars as they continue to serve the most poor and vulnerable among us. This new logo will be used across our website, social media, stationery, and more.

Stay tuned for more information, including the unveiling of a new website in the coming months.

Baltimore Province Celebrations



Fr. John Murray and Fr. Kevin Moley celebrate April birthdays together in Ephrata, PA. Fr. John Murray turned 67 on April 8. Fr. Kevin Moley turned 79 on April 9.

The Haitian Community of the Basilica of Perpetual Help of Boston



Sunday Mass

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow,”
(1 Corinthians 3:6).

I consider the Haitian Community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Boston as a seed that all the Redemptorists who ministered at the Basilica planted by their preaching, their welcoming, and their devotions to our Lady of Perpetual Help, who is also the patroness of Haiti. Their impact has been so positive that some of the Haitians still have good memories of Fr. Ed. McDonough, Fr. Richard Bennett, Fr. Denis Sweeney, Fr. Frank Sullivan, and Fr. Philip Dabney.



Multicultural Fair

Furthermore, I came as Apollos just to water it. I began this journey in October 2015, with a Triduum to Our Lady of Rosary. From then, the Haitian community had mass every Saturday at 7 p.m., and the Novena on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

To be honest, the beginning was a bit hard for several reasons: Firstly, most of the people were parishioners of other parishes, and they used to come to the Basilica during the week, especially on Wednesdays for the Novena. On Sundays they used to go to Haitian Mass in their parish.

Secondly, those who were parishioners of the Basilica, used to come to the 9 am. or the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays. It was difficult for them to make the switch to come to the Haitian Mass on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Besides that, in the Haitian culture, the “real” church day is Sunday.

We even express it through the clothes we wear on Sundays. We separate Sunday clothes from the other day’s clothes and what we wear on Sundays cannot be worn on other days. As I recall, one day I had to go to a soccer game. I wore a pair of black pants with a

white t-shirt and my mom said to me: “You are wearing one of your Sunday clothes, go back and change them.” I had no choice but to go back and change to a different outfit.

However, as we are just servants in the vineyard of the Lord, and God is the one who makes the seed grow, slowly, the Haitian community started to grow, more people started to come to Mass and the Novena, and others got to know more about the Haitian community in the Basilica. Unfortunately, some of the Parishioners, especially the elderly, still could not come because the 7 p.m. Mass was too late for them.

During the height of Covid, it became more difficult, however I did not stop. I used social media to reach out to people. For instance, Facebook and YouTube were the two main platforms we used to stream all the Masses for people who were at high risk and could not come to join us at our Mass. We are still streaming all our worship activities, for the elderly and the sick who cannot participate physically.

St Paul said to the Romans: “In all things, God works for the good of those who love Him,” (Romans 8:28). So even during the pandemic, God allowed so many changes in the community. The day and the time of the Haitian Mass changed. Now we have our Mass on Sundays at 2 p.m.

It is a totally different Haitian community now with young, vibrant, and well-organized members, along with a productive parish council, a strong liturgy group, two choirs, two groups of prayer, “Zanmi Manman Pèpetyèl yo,” meaning Friends of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and “Dieu dans Notre Nuit,” meaning God in our Night, an usher group, a musician

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group, and a youth group.

What's amazing about the Haitian Community is the presence of all these unique groups. They are always willing to unite themselves to work and walk together as one community, and one church for the glory of God.

The groups continue to teach me a lesson as well: "Men anpil, chay pa lou," meaning, it does not matter how heavy the load is, but when we put our hands together it makes it lighter.

To be clear, each group brings something unique to the community. For instance, the parish council is the place where all the groups unite as one to work together. The reason being that each group has someone who represents them. We meet every first Friday of the month to make decisions and make plans for the community. During covid our meeting was on zoom, but I realized we are more productive in person. Therefore, we decided to resume our Haitian parish council meeting in person. On May 6th we met in person for the first time since covid to plan the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It was nice to have everyone back in person.

The liturgy group focuses on the Eucharistic celebrations and other worshipping celebrations. Among them, we have lectors, extraordinary ministers of communion, choir members, and the person in charge of music. We meet every first Thursday of the month. During our meeting, we prepare the liturgy for all the Masses for the current month and all spiritual activities like retreat days, Triduums, Novenas, processions in the street with the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and "la mer rouge" (Red Sea).

The liturgy group really helps the people to live our celebrations. One

day, there was a lady who came to me. She said "Father, I don't live in Boston, but each time I come to visit my sister I come to Mass here because of the homily and the liturgy. The liturgy is well organized here, and because of that, I feel more connected with my God, and it also gives me a taste of heaven on earth."

The two choirs, "Perpetuel Secours" which is the oldest choir in the community, was founded the same day as the community, and "Harmonie" choir which started last year, help the parishioners to live and pray through the songs that they sing at Mass. For Easter, Christmas, or other big events, like the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual, the two choirs combine, under the leadership of the tireless Martine Chanel.

The choirs make a beautiful statement attributed to St Augustine come true in the community: "The one who sings prays twice." By singing, they really make us pray.

The ushers are the first group to get to the church with the tireless captain named Frantz Sully. Rain or shine, they are always here early to set up for the Mass. They welcome people at the door, make them feel at home and give out the programs. They pay attention to every single detail and are the first to know about a sick person in the community.

The youth group is the future of the community. We founded it with 16 kids, on Mother's Day 2017, now they are 30 in total. As indicated by its name "Shining light of OLPH," with Joliette Saint-Cyr who oversees them, they really shine in the community. On May 8th they celebrated their fifth anniversary. It was so beautiful to see how they did all the parts of the Mass.



A traditional Haitian dress

The youth group meets every Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. for catechism, social activities, and to learn the Haitian culture. Every year for Christmas, and their anniversary, we always have a big party for them.

The two last groups are the prayer groups. "Zanmi Manman Pèpetyèl yo" is the first prayer group in the Haitian community. They pray the Rosary together every Monday night. They visit the sick as well. The second prayer group is "Dieu dans notre nuit," and they have an online prayer every Tuesday and Friday night at 8 p.m. Haitian people all over the world participate with them.

Every single day, I thank God for his blessings over the Haitian community. However, at the same time I want to thank the Province and all the confreres at Mission Church, because besides the power of God who made the Haitian community grow, what has really helped me in my mission of watering the Haitian community is the presence and support of the



Choir at Easter celebration

Redemptorist community. I never feel alone in this mission. The confreres are always there for me. They always want to know how the Haitian community is doing.

For instance, Fr. Tizio, as a good pastor, with his strong pastoral zeal, is always there for the Haitian community. It's always a pleasure for the Haitian people when they see Fr. Tizio in the back of the church listening to Martine singing.

Fr. Anthony Michalik always asks

after each mass, "How was the Haitian Mass? Did you have a good crowd? Do you have anything coming up in the Haitian community?" Like Fr. Anthony, Fr. Bob Lennon always wants to know how the Haitians are doing. And each time Fr. John Devin goes to the Haitians and asks them to sing the Our Father (Papa nou) in Creole, he brings joy to their hearts. Fr. John Furey always expresses his happiness about the Haitian community. Once he said to me, "The Haitian community here is a dream that comes true for me. One of my cousins once said to me, now more black people come to the church. If the Redemptorists want to bring more life to the church, they must have a black priest here. I am so happy you

are here, and I can see the result. The Haitians are really pleased with the way you treat them, they feel part of a big family, and when they are here at Mission Church, they feel safe because they are at home."

Before I conclude, I want to let you all know now we are preparing for the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We are planning to have a Haitian Bishop come to celebrate the Feast for us this year. The theme for the novena (June 18th-June 26th) this year, is: "For a synodal church, celebrate together our Lady of Perpetual Help"

Through the intercession of Blessed mother Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, may God continue to make the Haitian community grow at the Basilica. May He continue to use us like Paul and Apollos to plant and water His vineyard.

Fr. Pierre Desruisseaux, C.Ss.R

Partners in Mission, Boston Following the Call of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

After a recent last meeting of our "Partners in Mission," one of the members expressed some personal thoughts regarding our group. I asked this humble disciple to please send me her thoughts in a text message and to express them the very same way as she had just shared them with me. I knew her words were sincere and very meaningful, and I did not want to forget them. I would like to share

them with you. This is what she wrote to me:

"You always know that you will leave our meetings (Partners in Mission) feeling better than when you entered. I listened intently to the reflections of the past month from our fellow "Partners in Mission," knowing I would be moved by their words and grow spiritually from them. As the last person spoke this

evening, I realized there was a common denominator. No one spoke about themselves. It was always about someone else's needs; about what act of love was done or could be done to help someone else; about their faith in prayer to "Our Mother" for strength and the desire to give hope and encouragement to others.

I thought that each one of us is living their life in a small "Redemptorist" way.

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I realized how grateful I am to be part of this Boston “Partners in Mission” group and look forward to where it will take us.”

I was particularly struck by these words:

“It was always about someone else’s needs; about what act of love was done or could be done to help someone else; about their faith in prayer to ‘Our Mother’ for strength and the desire to give hope and encouragement to others.”

This is the message of our Mother, and yes, more specifically, this is the prayer of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Her very title of “Perpetual Help” shows us that she is oriented outward – her vision is beyond herself in order to be the “conduit of grace” that God has called Her to be.

In her image we see that, first and

foremost, she is pointing us to Christ.

Looking at the Holy Icon of Perpetual Help, we see that Mary is, in fact, not holding Jesus to herself, rather, she is offering Him to us; she is extending Him outward – to her children – that we might become more and more like unto Him. She holds Him unto us that we might understand who we really are and for what purpose we were created. We are made in His divine image, and we are called to radiate His love, His peace, and His light in this world.

Mary offers us the light that is Christ Jesus, and she asks us to carry that light within us, just as she did, and then to reach outward, beyond ourselves, in love to the other.

When I heard this “partner in mission” share her thoughts, I knew that our Mother was with us and would safely

guide us along the path her beloved Son has paved for us.

She is our Mother and she is the Mother of our “Circle of Disciples” here in Boston. And because of this, we know that she will lead us forward – always according to the will of her Beloved Son. And so, there is no doubt or worry about the future. Our humble “Circle of Disciples” will grow according to God’s design, because of Mary’s loving protection.

*Mother of Perpetual Help,
Mother of humility and of Divine Light,
Lead us forward in humility toward the
radiant light of your risen Son.
Help us to be all that Jesus is calling us to
be.*

*Mother of Perpetual Help,
Pray for us!*

Fr. Anthony Michalik, C.Ss.R.

Post-Pandemic Growth and Sustainability at Saint Peter the Apostle School, Philadelphia

With a return to greater normalcy, the 2021-2022 school year saw the largest growth in enrollment at Saint Peter the Apostle School in the last fifteen years and the first increase in enrollment since the 2013-2014 school year. An enrollment increase of 28 students along with adjustments to expenses provided the funds necessary to offer physical education/health classes, as well as Spanish, library, and technology classes for students with no increase in tuition and a balanced budget. Catholic education at Saint

Peter the Apostle School is not only flourishing, but also moving quickly toward the financial sustainability necessary to live out its mission to “build up God’s kingdom” among the students, parents, families, and faculty and staff of this community while remaining affordable for all families.

Other programs and policies point to a healthy financial future for Saint Peter the Apostle School while also promising a high-quality Catholic education. This year the

newly established Home and School Association and School Board of Limited Jurisdiction increased parental and community involvement and support for the school. New policies were put in place to ensure regular salary increases and encourage and fund continuing education for teachers with the goal of attracting and retaining a high-quality faculty. A generous grant was received to fund a large summer project to create a new middle school space and program for our oldest students to prepare them for

Saint Peter the Apostle School, Continued



First Penance

the responsibilities and requirements of high school and beyond.

Providing students and families with an affordable Catholic education is about so much more than the business of education. Financial sustainability is a means to provide spiritual growth and support to students and families across generations, transforming the world through Catholic education. Enrollment projections indicate continued growth in enrollment through the 2022-2023 school year, ensuring even more will benefit from Catholic education at Saint Peter the Apostle School.

Richard Bennett, C.Ss.R.

Galilee Grill Opens in Sandy Bay, St. Vincent and the Grenadines



Recently, Father Yvon Tremont, C.Ss.R., of the Saint Lucia community was present in Saint Vincent to help the parish and community. He arrived during Holy Week and stayed through Good Shepherd Sunday. Father Yvon was a welcome guest, preaching and celebrating Mass in the various communities of the parish. Seen above are some photos of Good Friday Stations of the Cross through the Sandy Bay area, and of Father Yvon preaching an outdoor service at the Garifuna Village Market in Sandy Bay. Appreciation is extended to Father Yvon on behalf of the Redemptorists and parishioners in "Vincy."

Galilee Grill, Continued

Easter week in Sandy Bay saw not only the completion of the new roof on the Church, but also the opening of the Galilee Grill at the Garifuna Village Market. Long a goal for the Market, housed in the original Sandy Bay Church building, the kitchen opened after much anticipation.

Equipment for the endeavor was purchased as part of the grant from the Redemptorist Mission Advancement Office, which funded the entire renovation project of the building. The Market provides a valuable service to an area heretofore lacking in wholesale and retail variety. And the newly opened Grill is a welcome addition to the landscape.

The kitchen is blessed to have Chef Desrick (D'Boy) Roberts at the helm. He is an experienced and able cook, who offers a variety of culinary delights. Among his specialties are Roti (a Caribbean favorite), Chicken and Chips, Pork and Chicken wraps, Pizza, Burgers with fries, and a variety of sides complementing luncheon meals. On Friday nights, locals don't want to miss the BBQ, featuring roast pork and chicken, and fresh fish of the day when available. Vibrant tunes also fill the air of the festive evening.

The market has been doing well since reopening after the volcanic eruptions of last year. Business is on the upswing and with the addition of the Galilee

Grill, continued growth is projected – which will help to employ additional local residents. Four persons now regularly staff the market and kitchen, and volunteers help as needed. A good community spirit exists among all, who credit the progress to the grace of God and generosity of donors who have made it happen. Gratitude is expressed to all involved.

Kevin R. Murray, C.Ss.R.

In Memoriam: Fr. Arthur Gildea, C.Ss.R.



I have a special love for Fr. Arthur Gildea because he was a good priest, Redemptorist confrere, and a dear friend. I loved his special care and

love for the elderly Redemptorist confreres when he was the superior and director of our elderly home in Saratoga Springs, New York.

I remember him calling me up one day when I was Provincial and telling me that he wanted to take Fr. Tom Lacey to Paraguay. He told me that Fr. Tom Lacey wanted to see Paraguay one more time before he died. I told Fr. Arthur that Fr. Tom had a serious

problem with dementia, and that he would not even know that that he was in Paraguay. Fr. Arthur said to

me: "I don't know if I am asking you permission or not, as I have already bought the tickets for the trip." Of course, I had to say that it was ok, and it was ok.

Fr. Arthur took the long trip to Paraguay from Saratoga Springs, New York to Kennedy Airport, New York, from Kennedy Airport to San Paulo, Brazil, and from San Paul, Brazil to Paraguay.

When Fr. Arthur came back to Saratoga Springs, I asked him how the trip went. He told me that Fr. Tom Lacey knew no one, but everyone knew him, and that he was beaming from the first moment he got to Paraguay until the moment he left Paraguay.

I could give story after story of what Fr. Arthur would do to help the elderly

confreres: How in Philadelphia, he came to my room many times saying, “We have to take out Fr. Dennis Billy!” who, at the time, was dealing with a serious form of cancer. Fr Dennis always was happy to go out with Fr. Arthur and myself for supper. Fr. Arthur had a special love for the elderly and the sick. I have no doubt that the Lord saw his goodness and kindness, and that Fr. Arthur was following the most important Gospel

message: “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was lonely and in prison, and you came to visit me.” “But, Lord, when did I see you hungry, thirsty, lonely and in prison?” The Lord will answer: “When you did it to one of the least of my brethren you did it unto me.”

May the Lord reward Fr. Arthur with Eternal Life! May he be met at the

gates of heaven by our dear Lord, the Mother of Perpetual Help, his parents, his family members, his many friends, St. Alphonsus, and the many Redemptorists Saints and confreres who love him!

God bless you, dear Fr. Arthur, a dear and loving confrere, and friend.

Fr. Kevin Moley C.Ss.R.

In Memoriam: Br. De Sales Zimpfer, C.Ss.R. Thoughts and Reflections from Parishioners



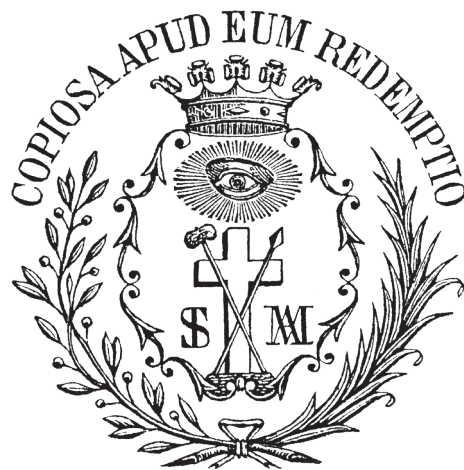
“DeSales was a holy man who always made good decisions and did what was right. Brother devoted himself to serving others and God. For decades he was a permanent presence in church and parish events, and he would spend countless hours working in church to make sure that everything was just right.”

“In his younger years, he was a fierce competitor who enjoyed competing with young parishioners in pickup baseball, football, and basketball games at the nearby recreation center and athletic fields. He also enjoyed swimming, ice skating, and playing tennis. When I last visited Br.

DeSales a few months ago in Stella Maris, he reminded me that he would routinely defeat me in tennis when I was in high school and college. Even with his failing memory towards the end of his life, he held many happy and lasting memories of the times he spent playing ball with the youth of the parish.” (Richard Brown)

“Brother ‘D’ did the Friday night weekly bingo for many years. He took care of the church. He had the Ladies Altar Society to help him clean the church. He got the church ready for all the services especially Easter, Christmas, and funerals. He took care of ordering and taking care of the flowers for church. He loved being at OLF.” (Joan Karolkowski)

Submitted by Fr. Bob Harrison, C.Ss.R.



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