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*In Christ, through the
shedding of his blood,
we have redemption and
forgiveness of our sins.*

Ephesians 1: 7a

National Religious Brothers Day is May 1

Long-Time Dream is Under Construction

**Residential Hall Coming to CCSJ Campus,
Where Many C.P.P.S. Brothers Served**

Jean Giesige, editor

Br. Jim Ballmann, C.P.P.S., gets an inspirational lift every weekday when he arrives to work at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind. He loves to see the progress on the college's first residence hall, now under construction, which to him looks like three stories of a dream fulfilled.

Missionaries who ministered at the little college that could, which celebrated its 70th anniversary last year, always hoped that its campus would include a dormitory. Until recent years, it was strictly a commuter college. Beginning in 2020, CCSJ leased apartments for students at the Illiana Apartments, one mile from campus, and that was exciting—but it wasn't on campus.

Now the residence hall is under construction on college land, south of its main building. Br. Jim can almost feel the C.P.P.S. brothers who served at the college in years past, spiri-

tually looking over his shoulder at the construction site.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm, especially when we come in and see the progress from the day before," he said. "I can hardly wait until it's done and landscaped, integrated into the campus.

Br. Gabriel, Br. Gerard—they would have been excited about this."

The late Br. Gabriel Bridges, C.P.P.S., and Br. Gerard Von Hagel, C.P.P.S., and in more recent years, Br. Ben Basile, C.P.P.S. and Br. Jerry Schwieterman, C.P.P.S.—religious brothers have always been mainstays at the college and have participated fully in building it to what it is today.

In good times and bad, in times when it looked like there weren't going to be any more times—the brothers steadfastly served the mission of CCSJ, to offer an affordable education to



Br. Jim Ballmann in front of Calumet College's new residential hall.

(Photo by Linda Gajewski)

students who were often the first in their families to attend college.

Br. Jim arrived at the college on August 2, 1984, assigned to work in the business office. The financial outlook of the college was quite dim at that time, he said. "When I first came, we were operating day-to-day. We didn't know how much longer we would be around," he said. "In those days, we (C.P.P.S. members) had our cars in the name of the
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college, so we could plate them in Indiana. I was talking about this with one of the faculty members at that time, and he said, 'If we go into bankruptcy, those cars will be part of that.'"

And the brothers had little or no money to pay for gas, for months on end. "We (C.P.P.S. members) would go four or five months without getting our salary. And the salary at that time was to cover groceries plus an allowance of \$150 per month," he said. "Once the college had received the revenue from tuition, we would get our back salary."

Slowly, slowly, the college fought its way to financial solvency. Much of the credit for that goes to former President

Dennis Rittenmeyer—the college's athletic center is named after him and his wife, Leslie. "When Dennis came in as president, we had a debt of \$2 million," incurred when the college renovated its main building, which formerly had belonged to Standard Oil in what was then primarily an industrial area of Northwest Indiana.

Br. Jim was part of the rebuilding and refinancing effort. "I worked in finances: accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll. I was in on all of that because I had a business background, after having been manager at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. I attended all the meetings of the Robertsdale Foundation, where our finances were discussed and we were figuring out how we could survive." (The Robertsdale Foundation was created by Calumet College to carry the college's debt.)

Eventually, he also became an instructor in the college's computer science department. Throughout the years, he has continued to work in the college's database office, and now is part of the team that must adapt to life on a campus that has a residence hall.

For instance, on-campus housing means the college will need to recruit and train resident assistants for each floor. The residence hall also will require enhanced security efforts.

And: where will those students eat? The college is adding a food service area on the second floor of its 2012 addition, above the Katsahnias Student Commons, which is inside the main entrance off the parking lot. The food service area will serve students living in the residence hall, plus other students, faculty and staff.

The first floor of the south wing and its outside entrance are being renovated, which in turn will lead to relocating several offices that provide student support services. Those services will be located at the entrance closest to the new residence hall, making them more visible to students.

The college's food pantry will be moved from the lower level to the south wing, freeing up space in the basement for a locker room and offices for the college's new sprint football program.

There will be changes outdoors too. A wooded area to the south of the main building
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Cincinnati C.P.P.S. Newsletter

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Community Notes

Reminder

Members, please be sure your power of attorney, medical power of attorney, and will are up to date and on file at the provincial office. Con-

tact Cindy Sipes at the provincial office for forms.

Business

The IRS mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile.

Br. Ton Sison Assumes New Role at CTU

In a ceremony on its Chicago campus on March 27, Catholic Theological Union (CTU) promoted Br. Antonio D. Sison, C.P.P.S., to professor of

Vicky Otto Named to PBSI Post

The Precious Blood Spirituality Institute (PBSI) has announced the hiring of its first executive director, Vicky Otto.



Vicky Otto

Vicky has served since 2014 as director of Companions for the Cincinnati and Kansas City Provinces of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

She will assume her new position on July 1.

"It is an honor to serve as the first executive director of the Precious Blood Spirituality Institute," Vicky said. "I look forward to working with each of our communities as we promote and share Precious Blood spirituality."

A native of Tucson, Vicky has a long history of parochial and pastoral ministry, as well as administration. She holds a doctor of ministry degree from Fordham University and an MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

The PBSI is a collaborative effort by the Missionaries, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, and the CPPS Sisters of Dayton.

The provincial councils of the Cincinnati and Kansas City Provinces will soon begin a search for a new director of Companions.

systematic theology and installed him as the Vatican Council II Chair of Theology.

"It takes a whole community to raise a professor," Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, CTU president, said during the ceremony.

Reflecting on his new role, Br. Antonio wrote after the ceremony, "525,600 minutes times 15. That's been my CTU journey. From the edge to the center.

But family, friends, colleagues, mentors, students, have always walked with me.

"And because of this, not once did it ever escape me that each step was secured



Br. Antonio Sison, fourth from right, with C.P.P.S. confreres and sisters after the ceremony at CTU.

by grace."

CTU also named Dr. Steven P. Millies professor of public theology.



Condolences from the C.P.P.S.

The prayers and sympathy of the Precious Blood family are extended to:

The family of **Beth Carter**, who died March 22. Beth was the daughter of Companions Carol and Roger Marriott (St. Joseph, Mo.).

The family of **William Yates**, who died March 23. William was the father of Fr. Mark Yates, C.P.P.S.

The family of **James Rossi, Sr.**, who died on April 7. James was the father of Companion Terri Rossi (Whiting, Ind.).

The family of **Patricia Hanish**, who died on April 11. Patricia was the wife of Amicus Joe Hanish.

The family of **Carol Keller**, who died on April 12. Carol was the wife of Amicus Dennis Keller.

Memorial Mass Set For Fr. Schnipke

The Catholic Communities of Northwest Dayton will celebrate a memorial Mass for their beloved pastor, Fr. Gene Schnipke, C.P.P.S., on May 7 at 11 a.m. at Precious Blood Church, 4961 Salem Ave., Dayton.

Fr. Tim Knepper, C.P.P.S., who is in ministry at the parishes, will preside and preach the homily. A light social will follow. The Mass will be live-streamed at northwestdaytoncatholic.org/.

It's Never too Early to Issue Invitation

Steve Dos Santos, C.PP.S.

Every year the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) surveys the men who are being ordained to the priesthood. I'd like to unpack one simple and clear statistic from that survey: 64 percent of the men ordained in 2021 first considered life as a priest sometime before graduating from high school (age 4–17).



C.PP.S.
for
Tomorrow

VOCATION MINISTRY

While there are some whose first thought came in pre-school, they account for only three percent of the ordinands; most were in elementary and high school. Only 17 percent of the men first considered a vocation in adulthood (22 or older).

The seeds of priestly and religious vocations need to be planted early as they can take a long time to grow and flourish. While it is true that an eight-year-old is not ready or able to make a life commitment, that doesn't mean we can't encourage them to consider it. We should invite them early and often to consider life as a priest or brother. When I tell my vocation story, I often mention all the suggestions and questions that I brushed off until the Lord eventually got through.

Ask boys if they want to be a priest when they grow up. Some weeks they'll say no and other weeks they might say yes. My favorite little kid

combination was his plan to be a super-hero/priest/rock star. I have no idea where he'll end up, but at least the priesthood was in the mix at some point.

Also, these suggestions and invitations are just that. We aren't signing them up at 13. Most of the guys who went off to Brunnerdale were never incorporated. We can't get too upset when the guy who was certain at age 12 that he wanted to be a priest suddenly has a girlfriend at 16. It's all a part of the process. As I told one college student, "I don't care if it's a wedding or an ordination, I just hope to be invited."

This invitation and encouragement are a whole lot easier if we can create opportunities for the young men of our community to encounter us in settings other than Mass or the Confessional. Goofing off at the parish picnic, playing ball on the playground, and encouraging them in their little league successes are all simple ways to encounter potential vocations.

As the boys age, it gets a little easier. You can coordinate with the youth minister so you can show up at events when the teens are just hanging out and having fun. Play whatever game they are into or ask about the things that are important to them. Summer is often a time when other parish activities slow down, but youth ministry keeps right on going. Take advantage of the summer and invest some quality time in your parish youth.

I've written before about sowing the seed of vocations widely, and that advice still applies. Creating a parish culture that facilitates encounter

between the priests and brothers and the youth of the parish, particularly the young men, will eventually bear fruit. This isn't a magic-pill solution; this is the long game.

Of course, the unspoken piece of everything I've written so far is the assumption of our own joy-filled witness. We can't be quiet and complainers when we are around the youth. If you are in a genuinely bad mood, skip the event. It is better that they do not see you that day than they encounter you at your worst.

If we want to change the tide of vocations for our community, we need to get more assertive in our encouragement of young men. It is only through our joy-filled witness and invitation that a young man might consider following us into a life of ministry.

View CARA's full report at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Ordination%20Class%20of%202020%20Report-Final.pdf>

**Applications are available
for the 2022–23**

Fr. Brunner

**Peace and Justice grants
on our website,**

cpps-preciousblood.org.

**Applications are available
in English and Spanish.**

**Application deadline
is July 1.**

Experiencing an Explosion of Grace

Sr. Donna Liette, CPPS

Just a week ago, a woman who had been incarcerated since she was 15 and had expected to die in prison, was released after 30 years of living within prison walls. As I saw her walking out into her freedom, I felt an explosion of grace as God met years of suffering with healing liberation and this promise of a new beginning.

Have you ever experienced an explosion of grace? Recently I read this expression and began to reflect on how many times I have been given this gift—unexpected grace that always overwhelms my heart and moves me closer to God and those around me.

I thought of how many times I have experienced that explosion of grace within the women that we accompany at PBMR! It's impossible to count! Every day is full of explosions of grace in the joys and sorrows of walking together on this journey of life and love.

Just today we had our monthly Mother's Healing Circle and I heard again from the hearts of these women, broken and bruised, the blood of their sons and daughters poured out on our streets through violent acts, yet powerful witnesses of how God dwells amongst the most in need and explodes grace and beauty among us.

One mother, who has been traumatized in so many ways,

shared how it was at her adult baptism that she felt an overwhelming abundance of grace. She said she found purpose in all her suffering, and a calm came about her that she had never experienced—all she could do was go home, cry and give thanks!

Another mother shared how after her son had committed suicide, she ran out into the middle of a busy street here in Chicago and just cried out for help! She says God answered her prayer that day by sending her angels and friends to lift her up, and a job that she's had for years now—a job she loves that gives her purpose.

"I saw light in my darkness," she said, "and I was amazed! I have been moving forward ever since that day of God's attention!"

One of our grandmothers shared how back when she hit rock bottom, she got on her knees and didn't stop praying until God heard her cry. She felt an overwhelming movement inside and she knew that she had been heard and was being healed. She has since been in recovery and is moving forward toward her goals.

A mother who lost her two sons—murdered in their own home—is struggling with living. Darkness surrounds her, but yesterday she texted me and said that while she was walking and crying, she spotted two beautiful yellow daffodils and suddenly she felt

a strong feeling of hope, an explosion of grace! Then she asked if I could teach her to meditate and



**May we all
experience an
explosion of grace!**

learn of God's love for her.

Another mother comes to mind who has overcome obstacle after obstacle since her youth. She keeps walking in faith and grace through these obstacles. She completed law school, passed her bar exam, and holds tight to her business card that now reads: attorney. She now offers advice and support to other women/mothers who are facing legal issues. She understands their fear of the unknown and accompanies them through this unjust system with the hope of a more restorative way of being.

When I think of an explosion of grace, I think of the mothers who have forgiven the persons who killed their sons or daughters and have asked that the perpetrator receive the lesser sentence!

I feel God's grace alive in all the women who come to us who have hit rock bottom, who have lost everything yet are still holding on, still seeking strength, something to eat, de-
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Precious Blood
Ministry of Reconciliation

“The Shepherd Will Lay Down his Life for his Sheep”

The Short Life and Sacrificial Death of Fr. Richard Schwieterman, C.P.P.S.

Following is the third installment of the account of the death of Fr. Richard Schwieterman, C.P.P.S., whose shocking murder took place in Minster, Ohio, where he had been named pastor of St. Augustine Church shortly before he was killed. His heroic outreach—even at great personal risk—to one who certainly was suffering from addiction and mental anguish is marked in this, the 100th anniversary of his death in 1922. This history was written by Fr. David A. Hoying, C.P.P.S., who researched and synthesized many newspaper accounts of the day to bring Fr. Schwieterman's story to light. This is the third of four installments.

Part Three: Requiem for Fr. Richard

The news of Fr. Richard Schwieterman's death on February 14, 1922, rapidly spread throughout the town of Minster, Ohio, putting the village in a state of tension. Neighboring priests were summoned to the St. Augustine rectory.

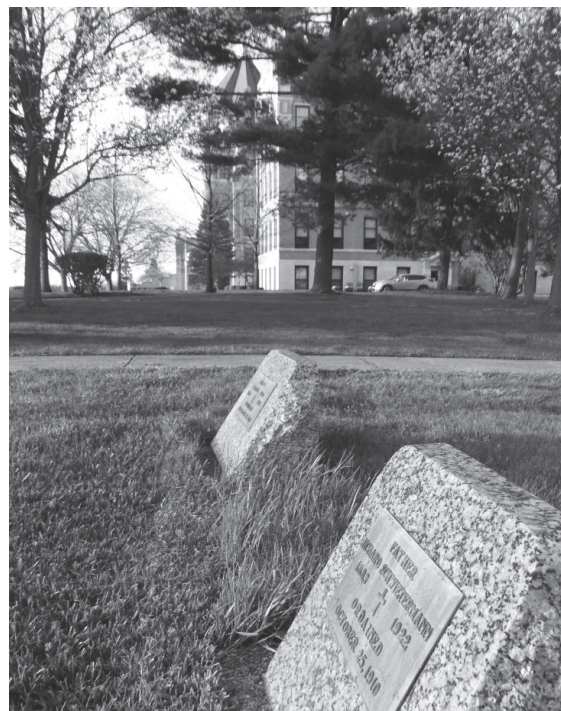
While Father was yet living, a Kramer daughter telephoned the village marshal, George Schmieder, telling him that Charles Piening needed to be arrested. Schmieder put a call in to Wapakoneta, relating that the Auglaize County sheriff was needed posthaste in Minster. Sheriff George Lempel “Long Bob” Ewing, Deputy Edward C. May and Justice of the Peace Roscoe Guy Herrmann arrived in Minster, just after Father passed away. Mayor John

T. Haverbeck and Marshal Schmieder, with a handful of temporarily deputized men, were searching for Charles. Expecting him to be at home, they surrounded it and waited for a barrage of bullets. To their chagrin, Charles had vacated his hovel.

After the shooting, Charles dallied about his place, but he did wander over to the Kramer home and peered in the window. Noticing Dr. Gudenkauf driving into the village at about 7 p.m., Charles, flailing his arms, flagged the physician. Upon stopping, Charles said he was still ill. The doctor decided to take Charles to his office for treatment.

Passing by the Kramer house, he noticed a great commotion. Dr. Gudenkauf asked Charles what was going on. Charles responded he had no idea. Once in the office, Charles refused any medicine, but rambled incoherently about being ill.

Authorities who were searching for Charles suspected he might be at the physician's office. Dr. Gudenkauf, was called, and affirmed the suspicion. The authorities asked that Charles be retained. The village marshal arrested Charles without incident, and the mayor ordered he be put into the lock-up of the township hall.



Fr. Richard Schweiterman's grave is not far from the main building at St. Charles Center.

The county sheriff, after confiscating Charles' weapons, took custody of him, and headed back to Wapakoneta. The thought of detaining Charles any longer in Minster was deemed imprudent, as his presence might provoke violence. The sheriff returned to Minster the next day, securing Father Schwieterman's clothing, as it might be needed for the trial. Dr. W. S. Stuckey held a coroner's inquest to determine the cause of death.

Charles Is Arraigned

It was not until the evening of Thursday, February 16, that Charles was arraigned before

Justice of the Peace Herrmann. The affidavit from the grand jury was read and it indicted Charles on two counts. First was the malicious, deliberate and premeditated murder of Fr. Schwieterman in the first degree, and the second, having the deliberate intention of killing John Piening, also in the first degree.

Charles was asked several questions, including, did he kill Fr. Schwieterman, did he know Fr. Schwieterman, and did he have a lawyer? Charles answered negatively to each question and added that he had no need of a lawyer. Charles asked if he could read the affidavit. After taking many minutes to read the document, he put it in his hip pocket. As he did this, Charles accidentally knocked his hat to the floor. Charles stood on his hat and then laid down upon it. With this spectacle, he was hauled out.

Charles' trial was set for April 17, in the Court of Common Pleas with Judge Fernando Coello Layton presiding. During March, it was announced Charles had selected as his attorney, Roy Everett Layton.

Standing Watch

That next morning, Friday, February 17, was the Requiem for Fr. Richard at St. Augustine Church in Minster. The day before, at 3 p.m., Father's body was carried in procession from the rectory to the church, and his body placed before the altar. Young men from the Knights of Columbus stood watch over the body through the night till morning. Hundreds upon hundreds viewed his mortal remains.

The Mass was set for 9:30 a.m., and it was hoped Archbishop Henry Moeller of Cincinnati would be the celebrant, but pressing matters kept him in Cincinnati.

The celebrant was the Precious Blood Provincial, Fr. George Hindelang, C.P.P.S., of Celina, Ohio, and the deacons assisting him were Fr. Anthony Moeller of Fort Loramie, Ohio, and Fr. Richard's brother, Roman. Fr. Othmar Knapke, C.P.P.S., of Carthagen was master of ceremonies.

It was estimated the congregation held some 2,000 individuals, with hundreds more standing outside the church. No sermon was preached, as regulations at the time forbid the preaching of sermons at priests' funerals. Someone stated, that regardless of any eloquent words, nothing could surpass the eloquent witness of Fr. Richard's self-sacrificing life.

Escorted to St. Charles

After the Mass, Fr. Richard's body was placed in the vestibule for further viewing, while approximately 60 clergy had dinner. At 1:30 p.m., a motorcade procession of over 100 vehicles escorted the body of Fr. Richard to St. Charles Seminary for the burial.

At the time, the assistant pastor, Fr. Anthony Paluszak, C.P.P.S., who had administered the last rites to Fr. Richard, was praised for his fearless leadership during the ordeal. It was also reported that Fr. Sixtus Meyer, C.P.P.S., quietly assumed the pastorate of St. Augustine Parish the evening of February 22.



Experiencing

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tergent to wash the few clothes they still have, to care for their children and grandchildren as best they can. They come, they want to live, they want to heal, they want to know there is hope for them. Grace creates space for the unexpected, for these women to let go and let God's grace show them what is possible for them and what is yet to come as they rise up!

Our mothers are crying out for the mothers and children in Ukraine. They know the pain of violence, of living in fear, of being evicted from their homes, of being without, and yet they see that their pain is nothing compared to these women and children. They want to help—they pray and cry in solidarity.

We often hear that "hurt people, hurt people" but I see, as well, in our PBMR women that "healing people, heal people." The women we accompany have experienced so much trauma from violence, racism, poverty and rejection, but as they find healing and hope, they are eager to pass on these gifts and graces to other women in the circle and beyond.

So, we at PBMR are blessed to help create those spaces where women, youth, neighborhood friends, myself included, can experience explosions of grace, spaces of hospitality, hope and healing; where there can be new ways of being together, new relationships formed, and new energy for building the beloved grace-impacted community.

May we all be aware of those explosions of grace and be amazed and give thanks!



Can We Wake Up Parishes to Privilege?

Joseph Uecker, C.P.P.S.

In recent months, we have seen articles in our publications about the new creation and some questions about what is new. I have a suggestion as to what could be new.

After more than 30 years in full-time parish ministry, I certainly understand any reluctance of our members engaged in parish ministry to leave that ministry. But is it possible to renew parish ministry? I think it is. I submit that there is still a deep-seated racism present in our country, and that racism still exists in our Church. It shouldn't surprise us if the parishes we serve are no exception.

I'm thinking back to when I was younger. I grew up in

Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne, Ind. Once in a great while we would see a Black or Hispanic family in church. That would make for conversation that was not welcoming. It wasn't hateful, but something like: "What are they doing here?" I do not recall having even one Black student in our school. There may have been one or two, but I do not recall it. Black people lived on the southeast side of town. We would see them downtown, but that's about it. I don't remember seeing any Black boys on the other Catholic schools' sports teams, except maybe St. Peter's Parish because that was on the southeast side.

My point is that I grew up in a lily-white environment in the 1940's and 1950's. We were not intentionally racist; we were fish swimming in racist waters. It rubs off. I wish that it were gone, but it is not.

During the pandemic, I read several books on racism and white privilege. This has been a wake-up call for me. The lady who lives in the apartment next to mine is Black, and one day I showed her one of the books on white privilege and asked her if that is real. She just smiled as if to say: "Are you just finding this out?" Yes, ma'am, I am just finding this out!

I don't think I'm the only white person who is just now being awakened. I am part of a group of white people who are actively trying to be awakened. I know that many white people

are awake and I'm happy that they are. They can help me and others who want to wake up. I also know that there are many who deny they are asleep. The author Ibram X. Kendi says, "Denial is the heartbeat of racism."

I am recommending for 2022-23 (or longer) for the parishes we serve, the goal of waking ourselves up and waking up our people to white privilege. This would be something quite new for many people. I am proposing: a concentrated, intentional effort to wake ourselves up and wake up the people in our parishes to the white privilege we white people enjoy.

This might not sound like traditional parish work, but it is one way to free the oppressed. Along with Jesus (Lk 4: 18), Kendi also says: "To be a Christian is to free the oppressed." I see this as an achievable and measurable goal. Maybe not scientifically measurable, but people know for certain if they are on the road to being awakened. I feel certain that if this goal is met, some great changes can take place in our parishes. Being aware of white privilege is not the whole ball game, but it is a good start.

It is no secret that there are those in our parishes and on social media those who push back whenever racial issues are brought up: "Not here." Others accept the notion of the personal sin of racism but take issue with emphasis on structural inequity.

We offer *The Forum* for Newsletter readers to share their views on topics related to faith. The opinions printed here are those of individuals and are not necessarily shared by the province. We invite others to respond to these essays, or write on topics of their own. All submissions must share a tone of respect for the Church, for our Community, and for each other. Submissions should be limited to 1,000 words.

Send submissions to cppscommunications@gmail.com or to Editor Jean Giesige, 431 E. Second St., Dayton, OH 45402-1764.

In a recent *National Catholic Reporter* article, Matt Kappa-dakunnel writes: "What these Catholics (who take issue with emphasis on structural inequity) lack is an experience of metanoia in terms of the sin of racism. By seeing through the eyes of the Trinity how the heart of God suffers with those who experience racial oppression, their eyes, like mine, can be opened anew."

That is what I am advocating: metanoia, that our eyes be opened, opened to white privilege, as a starter. Once we wipe the sleep from our eyes, we will be one step further along on the road to a new creation.

Fr. Joe suggests the following reading list:

- *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo

- *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving

- *How to Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi

- *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America*, by Jim Wallis

- *Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus*, by Jim Wallis

- *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson



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was preserved and will be integrated into new landscaping. Also planned near the residence hall are outdoor recreational spaces, including sand volleyball courts and a practice football field with a walking/running track.

The college family is happily anticipating these developments, which are under the direction of current college president, Dr. Amy McCormack. She is working hard to create partnerships between the college and the surrounding Northwest Indiana community, Br. Jim said.

The neighborhood has changed over the decades. "The city has developed this whole area with a lot of recreational uses," and that has benefited the college, Br. Jim said. There are bike paths that wind around city parks, and a pedestrian bridge over the street to nearby Wolf Lake that

allow students easy access to recreational areas. The college's first outdoor commencement will be May 21 at the Pavilion at Wolf Lake Memorial Park. Everyone in the Precious Blood family is asked to pray for good weather.

There has also been a lot of residential construction in the area that once was heavily industrial, Br. Jim said. Some of the homes are being built on or near land that once held a trailer court where C.P.P.S. brothers who ministered at the college lived together in community. Did they ever talk over dinner in the shared common trailer about their hopes and dreams for the little college they helped build? Probably, they did.

"This has always been the dream, that the college would build a dorm," Br. Jim said. "It's amazing to see it going up—I never expected it to happen."



Brothers pose at CCSJ in 2017: Jerry Schwieterman, Jim Ballmann, Brian Boyle, Ben Basile.



Missionaries Report

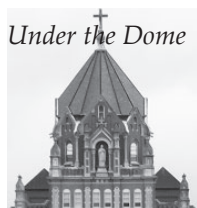
NEWS FROM OUR
MINISTRY SITES

New Life is Always Welcome

Timothy Guthridge, C.P.P.S.

The temperatures are getting warmer, we received lots of rain in March and April, and snow should be over for the season.

The farmers are out in the fields and corn and soybean will be planted. After a relatively mild winter, we are expecting new life. The fields were still brown as



I wrote this, but the green will come soon.

At a senior center, new life is always welcome and always present. Many of the bodies of the people who live here are old and getting older, but there is always new life. Residents here were already outside long before the temperatures warmed up, taking their daily walks. I suspect bike riding will have begun by the time the newsletter is printed.

We celebrated Lent; though it has a penitential nature, it is always about spring and new life. Now, we celebrate eternal life and the rising of the Christ during Easter season.

There is freshness in the air. Anyone who takes a walk outside can feel it. Winter does have a tendency to keep people cramped inside where the air can feel rather stale and recycled. It is nice to step outside and feel the newness of the air.

The birds are back. One hears more and more chirping. With information from Fr. Joe Brown, C.P.P.S., I have become aware of preparations made for the purple martins. These are migratory birds that are quite beautiful. People create housing for these birds made of artificial hollow gourds. According to Fr. Joe, the gourd openings have to be blocked until the purple martins arrive, to prevent unwanted sparrows and starlings who are always ready to take control of unoccupied nesting places. Fr. Joe says that we first prepare these "homes" with some "poultry dust" to keep lice and other enemies out of the nests. He also adds wood shavings to form a base for the nests.

The first martins who arrive serve as "scouts" who check out available housing. Then they let the migrating martins know where to find the homes. These birds are welcome because they make beautiful sounds, they are friendly and they eat mosquitoes by the thousands. Fr. Joe states that one knows when they leave in late summer because of the significant increase of insects that are not eaten by them.

Here at St. Charles, we are looking forward to the changes and joys that spring brings.

With spring comes new life, and we look forward to the new life to come.



Fr. Joe Brown with the purple martin houses he has cleaned and prepared for this year's visitors.

(Photo by Fr. Paul Wohlwend, C.P.P.S.)

Student Displays Project at Shrine

Marsha Danoff

Maci Hay is a senior at St. Paul High School in Norwalk, Ohio. Each year, the senior class is required to complete and present a comprehensive project before graduation.



*Sorrowful
Mother Shrine*

Maci chose as her topic, "Eucharistic Miracles of the World by the Blessed Carlo Acutis" because she was inspired by his story. While she was researching Eucharistic miracles for a retreat, she discovered a website about Carlo Acutis. Although his story was

a tremendous inspiration to her, she was moved to share the word about the Eucharist because she feels that many people do not know or understand its significance.

Maci felt certain that this would be an exceptional way to not only to prove the existence of Christ, but to draw the attention of the young retreatants as Carlo died at the age of 15.

Last fall, the Sorrowful Mother Shrine was the first place Maci chose to display her project. The shrine's outdoor Mass draws large numbers of practicing Catholics, including Maci and her family.

"The shrine is like a second home to me and my family," said Maci. "I grew up in this area and came to the shrine with my parents and grandparents. We frequently attend Mass at the shrine, and my grandparents also serve as volunteers.

"The shrine is an absolutely peaceful place where anyone can go when they are struggling. It is a place where you can go to meet Christ surrounded by the beauty of nature, a place for family and friends to gather."

The shrine's outdoor Mass is a unique experience, she added. "Worshiping and praying in the middle of nature and the peace of Christ is like seeing God in a whole new perspective," she said.

"The Catholic Church is not just about rules. It is a way of life. Attending Mass in the outdoor chapel is an example of expressing our faith in a new way: breathing in and absorbing nature that is so eloquently created by the hand of God."

These are just a few of the

reasons Maci chose the shrine as the first place to display her senior project about Blessed Carlo Acutis. After it was on display at the shrine, it moved on to several parishes in the Diocese of Toledo.

Carlo wanted the entire world to know about the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist—the Eucharist Carlo called "my way to Heaven." There are 152 Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church that occurred all over the world.

Blessed Carlo Acutis died of fulminant leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. Carlo led a short but admirable Christian life. After receiving his Holy Communion, he never missed daily Mass. The Blessed Mother was his confidant and he honored her by praying the rosary as often as he could. Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis on October 10, 2020.

A warm thanks to Maci Hay for sharing this story about Carlo Actuis, for choosing this topic for her senior project, and for choosing the Sorrowful Mother Shrine as the first place to display the results of her challenging work.

Maci will also display her project at St. Paul in Norwalk, Ohio; Immaculate Conception in Bellevue, Ohio; St. Francis Xavier in Willard, Ohio; Our Lady of Hope in Attica, Ohio; St. Peter in Huron, Ohio; Sacred Heart in Fremont, Ohio; and St. John Neuman in Sunbury, Ohio.

Marsha Danoff is the director of operations at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine



High school senior Maci Hay with her exhibit at the shrine.

Commencement To Be Outdoors

Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

The beginning of May generally means one thing at colleges and universities: the end of the academic year and graduation ceremonies. Our last day of classes is May 6. So at the time of this publication, we are in the midst of giving and grading exams and papers.



**CRIMSON
WAVE**

During March, we offered the opportunity for our college community to assist our Polish Province as it provides care for Ukrainian refugees. We collected about \$1,200, which was added to the donation sent from the province and other
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Commencement to be Outdoors

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generous donors. This was a way for the college community to connect with our international congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

As was noted in last month's *Newsletter*, our commencement ceremony will be held on the shores of beautiful Wolf Lake at the Pavilion. This will be the first time commencement exercises will be held outdoors. Needless to say, we are praying for a nice day. We are also going to share via social media best wishes or prayers for our graduates from our faculty.

Our commencement speaker will be Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr. He was a political commentator on ABC 7 Chicago television for six years, and WGN radio and is a columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times. He is the only national Latino leader featured regularly as a commentator on English-language radio or television and as a columnist in a major publication.

Dr. Andrade received the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second-highest civilian award in the U.S., for "the performance of exemplary deeds of service for the nation" and the National Ohtli Award, the highest honor presented by the government of Mexico, for distinguished service to the Mexican and Mexican-American community in the United States.

Our annual Scholarship Gala and dinner was once again virtual this year. Since we are marking our 70th anniversary, we have a video montage of the seven decades our existence. You can view these

videos on the CCSJ website (ccsj.edu). We invite you to check it out to see the college through the ages and hear some of our alumni share stories from the decades.

There's a lot of excitement surrounding our new sprint football team. Our coach says that as of mid-April we have over 50 student-athletes committed to the college. To help prepare for these new students, our residence hall construction is moving along (although not as quickly as we would like for an opening at the beginning of the new academic year). Workers have just installed most of

the windows in the building.

With students living on campus, we are also planning for a more extensive dining service for our student and the college. Plans have been drawn up and orders placed for new equipment. The kitchen will be located on the second floor of the main building's 2012 addition.



Is your contact info correct?

Please let us know of changes to your email, phone or mailing address.

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Provincial Director's Calendar

May 2: CMSM Region Five meeting, via Zoom.

May 4–5: Saint Joseph's College board of trustees meeting, Rensselaer, Ind.

May 7: Memorial Mass for Fr. Gene Schnipke, C.P.P.S., Pre-

cious Blood Church, Dayton.

May 16–17: Provincial council meeting, Dayton.

May 21: Calumet College of St. Joseph commencement, Whiting, Ind.



Community Calendar

May 1: Celebration honoring Br. Nick Renner, C.P.P.S., Spiritual Center of Montezuma, Ohio. Prayer service at 1 p.m. followed by an open house until 6 p.m.

May 7: Memorial Mass for Fr. Gene Schnipke, C.P.P.S.,

11 a.m. at Precious Blood Church, Dayton.

May 21: Commencement, Calumet College of St. Joseph, at Wolf Lake Park, Whiting, Ind.

July 24: Companion Day at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Bellevue, Ohio.

The 2022 Joint Provincial Assembly will be held
June 13–16 in Indianapolis.

Days of Praise

Celebrating Special Days
With C.P.P.S. Members

Celebrating June Birthdays

- 12 Fr. Kevin Scalf
- 12 Fr. Louis Schmit
- 17 Fr. John Hoying
- 20 Fr. David Hoying
- 21 Fr. Benjamin Berinti
- 22 Fr. Alfred Naseman
- 24 Br. Thomas Bohman
- 28 Fr. Matthew Jozefiak
- 29 Fr. James Dugal
- 30 Fr. Angelo Anthony

Celebrating June Anniversaries

- 1 Fr. James McCabe
- 2 Fr. James Dugal
- 3 Fr. James Gaynor
- Fr. Denny Kinderman
- 4 Fr. Thomas Brenberger
- Fr. Donald Thieman
- 5 Fr. Patrick Patterson
- Fr. Kenneth Schroeder
- 8 Fr. Joseph Hinders
- Fr. Louis Schmit
- 9 Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn
- Fr. John Hoying
- Fr. Edgar Jutte
- Fr. Matthew Keller

The C.P.P.S. major superiors request that all members and lay associates pray each month for a different unit of the Congregation.

May:
Kansas City Province

- 9 Fr. Scott Kramer
- Fr. Joseph Rodak
- 10 Fr. Leon Flaherty
- Fr. William Hoyng
- 12 Fr. Dennis Chriszt
- Fr. David Kelly
- Fr. Vincent Wirtner
- 13 Fr. Kevin Scalf
- 14 Fr. Timothy Knepper
- 15 Fr. Jerome Steinbrunner
- 16 Fr. Kenneth Schnipke
- 18 Fr. David Hoying
- Fr. Timothy McFarland
- 22 Fr. Benjamin Berinti
- Fr. Mark Hoying
- 24 Fr. Kenneth Alt
- Fr. Angelo Anthony
- Fr. Yuri Kuzara
- Fr. Jerome Stack
- 26 Fr. Jeffrey Kirch
- 29 Fr. Joseph Brown
- 30 Br. Jerry Schwieterman

Please Pray Every Day for a Missionary of the Precious Blood

Missionaries of the Precious Blood of the Cincinnati Province are in ministries of prayer, preaching, teaching, parish work and other apostolates, following their call to serve God's people. Please support them in prayer each day, lifting them up for God's blessing.

Prayer suggestion: O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

JUNE PRAYER LIST

- 1. Fr. Thomas Hemm
- 2. Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn
- 3. Fr. Joseph Hinders
- 4. Fr. David Hoying
- 5. Pray for vocations
- 6. Fr. John Hoying
- 7. Fr. Mark Hoying
- 8. Fr. William Hoyng
- 9. Fr. Matthew Jozefiak
- 10. Fr. Edgar Jutte
- 11. Fr. Matthew Keller
- 12. For living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
- 13. Fr. David Kelly
- 14. Fr. Dennis Kinderman
- 15. Fr. Jeffrey Kirch
- 16. Fr. Timothy Knepper
- 17. Fr. Scott Kramer
- 18. Fr. George (Yuri) Kuzara
- 19. Pray for those in formation
- 20. Fr. Fred Licciardi
- 21. Fr. James McCabe
- 22. Br. Charles McCafferty
- 23. Fr. Timothy McFarland
- 24. Fr. John Mencsik
- 25. Fr. Alfons Minja
- 26. For living and deceased Companions & Amici
- 27. Fr. LeRoy Moreeuw
- 28. Fr. Charles Mullen
- 29. Fr. Alfred Naseman
- 30. Fr. William Nordenbrock

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May 1

**We asked Precious Blood people to think of ways to describe our C.P.P.S. brothers.
Here are just a few!**

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