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39TH ANNUAL HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

June 4 - June 8, 2020

CANCELLED



DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE,

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of the time of its containment requires the cancellation of the 2020 Holy Cross History Conference at King's College. Papers submitted and accepted to date are welcomed contributions to the 2021 Conference.

As you are well aware the early history of Holy Cross was impacted by the death of numerous religious due to yellow fever and other illnesses. May the provident love of God lead us all through this challenging time, so that the mission entrusted to us may "grow like a mighty tree."

In Holy Cross,

The Officers of the Holy Cross History Conference



THANK YOU, FATHER TOM LOONEY!

A special word of thanks is due to Father Tom Looney, the host of the 2020 Holy Cross History Conference. He did all the preliminary work of organizing this year's conference at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. This was before it had to be canceled because of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. We sincerely hope that he will host a conference at King's College in the near future.

HOLY CROSS HISTORY CONFERENCE

WANTED

The Holy Cross History Association is looking for members who are willing and able to organize future history conferences after 2021.

Anyone interested should contact
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THE BROTHERS OF ST. JOSEPH

GEORGE KLAWITTER, *THE BROTHERS OF ST. JOSEPH*

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WITH THE PUBLICATION of this, his latest book, Brother George Klawitter, CSC, has established himself as the historian in English of the Brothers of St. Joseph, established by Rev. Jacques Dujarié in 1820 and later, in 1837, joined with the Auxiliary Priests of Le Mans established by Rev. Basile Moreau, CSC, as the Congregation of/from Holy Cross/Sainte-Croix.

Some previous accounts of the Brothers of St. Joseph, e.g. Tony Catta, Father Dujarié (1960), have centered on Dujarié, the parish priest in the village of Ruillé-sur-Loir, who was commissioned by his bishop to found a community of laymen to revive the parish schools in the villages. Other accounts have given more coverage to the brothers themselves and their institute, e.g. Philéas Vanier, *Le chanoine Dujarié* (1948), and Jean Proust, *Les Frères de Saint-Joseph* (Le Mans, 2002). Klawitter tells the story in terms of the life and work of the Brothers and in particular of Brother André (Pierre) Mottais, one of the first four men to join the Brothers in 1820, and over the next fifteen years the leader and supervisor of the community as Dujarié's health declined.

Klawitter lays out the story of the Brothers of St. Joseph in chapters one through

four, covering the years 1820 to 1840.

In the introduction and chapter five Klawitter argues that the beginning of the Congregation of Holy Cross was in 1820, not 1837 (p. 69). Klawitter points out that Dujarié lived and interacted with the brothers from the beginning, so there was a mixed community of priests and brothers from Day One (pp. xii-xiv). The Congregation of Holy Cross, Klawitter argues, did not begin in 1837 with the Fundamental Act that linked the brothers and Basile Moreau's auxiliary priests in a common apostolate, but evolved from the 1820 foundation to which priests and sisters were subsequently added (p. xviii).

The author has taken pains to establish a wealth of fundamental data about the Brothers of St. Joseph. In twenty appendices (pp. 92-218), he has mined the *Matricule générale* of Brother Bernard Gervais and the account books of Brother André Mottais to give an accurate list of the names of the more than 300 men who joined the brothers in 1820-1840, when they left or died, the schools that the brothers opened, their location, and many other items. With this data in hand, Klawitter is able to talk about specific individuals and places as he lays out the story of the brothers' growth and ministry.

The hero in Klawitter's telling of the story is Brother André Mottais, "a giant in the history of Holy Cross" (p.12), one of the



first four candidates for the brothers who arrived in 1820, and the first brother to make religious vows in Holy Cross in 1836 (p. xvii). Dujarié sent him off to the Christian Brothers for a novitiate and for training as a teacher. Back in Ruillé-sur-Loir in 1822, André gradually became the director, the novice master and the visitor of the brothers' schools as Dujarié's parochial duties and poor health left him unable to carry out these duties. André eventually became responsible for spiritual direction of the brothers (p.16).

Klawitter regards André, not Basile Moreau, as the author and promotor of the 1831 Pact of Fidelity signed by some of the brothers. Given André's record of service and his talents, Klawitter wonders why he was demoted when Moreau succeeded Dujarié as superior of the Brothers of St. Joseph in 1835 (p. 61). It was Brother Léonard (Pierre) Guittoger, another of the early brothers, whom Moreau chose as his assistant in the governance of the community after its center was moved to Le Mans. André stayed behind in Ruillé to assist the aged Dujarié until the latter moved to Le Mans in 1836. Klawitter speaks of André's psychological servitude to the new priest-director and notes what

he sees as Moreau's clericalism, endemic to priests in France after the French Revolution and the restoration of the Church (pp. 50-57). A few errors of fact occur. The Congregation of Holy Cross received papal approval in 1857, not 1838 (56) and Joseph Rézé, not Louis Champeau, was Brother Rémi's provincial in 1878 (p. 87). The lack of documentation induces the author to indulge in conjecture on several occasions, assuming that what might have or possibly happened, did happen.

These blemishes notwithstanding, Brother George Klawitter has given us in *The Brothers of St. Joseph* a much more nuanced account than we have ever had in English of the first part of the tri-partite Holy Cross community that eventually emerged. Not only do we learn in some detail about André Mottais but other names surface, e.g. Brothers Léonard, Vincent Pieau, Rémi Mérianne, to mention but a few who are rescued from anonymity in the history of Holy Cross. What better gift as we celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the brothers! It celebrates, the author remarks, "the pre-eminence of brotherhood over ministry." (p. 90)

James Connelly, CSC



HOLY CROSS HISTORY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH, 31, 2020

I. Association Membership for 2019

Life time Members	4	
Sustaining Members	19	
Regular Members	126	
Total Membership on mailing list	150	

II. Bank Balances as March 31, 2020

\$3,474.55	Checking Account #150
\$6,276.39	CD Account #300
\$4,908.39	CD Account #301
\$6,363.11	CD Account #303
\$20,099.97	Savings Account #110
\$.03	Share Savings
\$41,122.72	Total of all accounts as of March 31, 2020

III. Income from January 1, 2020-March 31, 2020

\$1,550.00 Dues: Regular and Sustaining Members to date

IV. Expenses paid from June 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

\$400.00	Starlight Technologies	\$40.00 per month for website
\$240.00	Jane Pitz, layout of newsletter	\$240 for the summer letter
\$102.46	Sisters of the Holy Cross:	<i>printing for printing and postage for the newsletter</i>
	Summer	\$102.46.
\$326.25	Morris Inn @ ND	deposit for 2021 summer conference
\$10.00	Bank Charges	\$1.00 per month
\$1,078.71	Total expenses paid	

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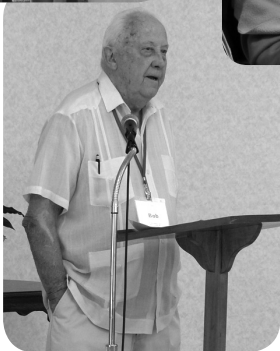
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