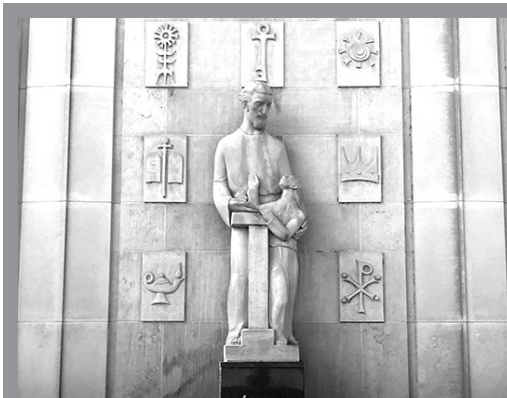


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JUNE 14 - JUNE 15, 2024



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The 43rd Holy Cross History Conference will be held in person at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and virtually, via ZOOM, on Thursday, June 14th through Sunday, June 15th. The conference will end on Saturday, June 15th, following the banquet.

Brother Joe Fox, CSC, of the Midwest Brothers will host the conference assisted by Lisa Loughran.



REGISTRATION and FEES

Registration will be on Thursday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
in the atrium of Pfeil Center at Holy Cross College
where those attending the conference will find their packet, registration,
and accommodations.

Complete: \$50.00 includes presentations with all meals, socials, banquet.
Commuter: no charge for presentations with no meals, nor banquet.

ACCOMODATIONS

Our out-of-town participants will be housed at Columba Hall
on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

MASSES

All liturgies will be celebrated in St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross College.

All of our meals will be provided by Holy Cross College.
The annual banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 14.

TRANSPORTATION

The South Bend Regional Airport, the local airport,
is designated as SBN to book a flight.
The transportation committee can arrange a pick-up at the local airport.
Please include the time of your flight's arrival with your registration.
Car rentals are nearly impossible to make these days.

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ABOUT OUR 2024 CONFERENCE

You will find the list the names of eleven presentations to be delivered at this year's conference. We are delighted to welcome seven new members of the association, each of whom will present a paper. Please welcome Sisters of the Holy Cross Taposi Gomes and Patricia Rodriguez; Holy Cross Brother John Draves, Holy Cross Priest Richard Gribble, seminarians Edwin Donnelly and Austin Brezina. Completing the list of presenters are James Connelly, George Klawiter and Philip Smith.

OUR PRESENTERS

Austin Brezina



Austin R. Brezina is a Holy Cross seminarian in the Old College undergraduate seminary program. Originally from Raleigh, North Carolina, he is a student at Holy Cross College studying philosophy, theology, and art and will graduate in 2026.

Paper: *A Candle to Light the Dark: Brother Columba's Miraculous Healing of Sarah Ann Rath in 1920* **IN PERSON**

James Connelly, CSC



Father James Connelly, has taught at King's College, Alokolum National Seminary in Gulu, Uganda, and the University of Portland. He served as archivist for the Indiana Province and then as congregational archivist for 15 years.

Paper: *The New History of Holy Cross* **IN PERSON**

Edwin Donnelly, CSC



Edwin V. Donnelly, is a Holy Cross seminarian from Cranford, New Jersey. A 2021 graduate of Notre Dame, he studied theology, classics (Greek and Latin), and liturgical music. He is now in his first year of the Masters of Divinity program at Notre Dame.

Paper: *The Eyes and Ears of Keokuk, Iowa: Minnie Schwiete, Sister-in-Law of Brother Columba* **ON ZOOM**

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John Draves, CSC



Brother John was born in Berea, Ohio. After graduating from St. Ignatius High School, he entered the Old College undergraduate seminary program at the University of Notre Dame. He pursued a Bachelors of Arts in American Studies and Philosophy and is currently studying for the Masters of Divinity Program. During his time as an undergraduate, he learned about the life with the Holy Cross Brothers and discerned a vocation to the Brother's Society.

During his senior year, he wrote "*Where Have All the Brothers Gone: Exploring the Identity and Mission of Religious Brothers in American Catholicism.*" Currently, he is a full-time student, serves as the *de facto* chaplain for the Notre Dame Fire Department, as a liturgical volunteer at the Indiana State Prison, and as an advisor for the Catholic Peace Fellowship.

Paper: *The Firefighting Brothers of Notre Dame* ON ZOOM

Taposi Gomes, CSC



Sister Taposi entered the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1988 in Bangladesh, professing first vows in 1991, and final vows in 1997.

She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 2016 at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana. She has been stationed at Saint Mary's since 2021.

Paper: *Canadian Holy Cross Sister Pioneered Catholic Family Welfare in Bangladesh* IN PERSON

Rick Gribble, CSC



Father Rick Gribble, is a professor emeritus from Stonehill College where he taught in the Department of Religious Studies and Theology for twenty-seven years. He has written seven biographies, including monographs on Patrick Peyton, CSC, and Vincent McCauley, CSC. He is a past president of the American Catholic Historical Association and the Holy Cross History Association.

Paper: *The Press at Vatican II: The Contribution of Father Edward Heston, CSC* IN PERSON

George Klawitter, CSC



Brother George Klawitter, retired in 2012, as a full professor from the English Literature Department at St. Edward's University. A frequent contributor to the Holy Cross History Conference, he has published letters written by the early Brothers in Indiana (*Adapted to the Lake*), letters written by the Brothers in Africa (*Holy Cross in Algeria*), and an account of the beginning of the Community (*The Brothers of St. Joseph*). His book *Early Men of Holy Cross* contains the lives of eleven of the earliest members of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Brother George lives at Columba Hall, Notre Dame.

Paper: *Brother Basil Gray, Apostle to Algeria* IN PERSON

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Robert Mc Fadden, CSC



Robert is a fourth year temporarily professed Brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and lives at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame. He graduated with a Bachelors in from the University of Cincinnati, and he earned his Masters of Theological Studies from Vanderbilt University. Brother Robert earned his PhD in Literature and Theology from the University of Notre Dame and wrote his dissertation on St. Augustine and friendship.

He is currently a professor of Theology at Holy Cross College. He loves teaching as a religious brother, and getting his students to read St. Augustine's Confessions so that they can ask those deep and fundamental human questions.

Paper: *Finding the Heart: The Spirituality of Brother Columba, CSC* ON ZOOM

Patricia Rodriguez-Leal, CSC



Sister Patricia was born in Monterrey, México, and has bachelor's and master's degrees in education. She has worked in both public and private schools and met the Sisters of the Holy Cross in her home parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. In 2007, she moved to the United States to begin her novitiate and made first vows in 2009, and perpetual profession in 2014. Sister Patricia has ministered in Utah and two northern states in Mexico. She has facilitated workshops on building a culture of peace for children and adults. Currently she ministers as a formator in the International Novitiate at Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana.

Paper: *A Dream Without Borders: Sisters of the Holy Cross in Mexico* IN PERSON

Philip R. Smith, CSC



Brother Philip is the archivist for the Midwest Province of Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross. After fifty years in secondary education, he was appointed archivist in 2019. In 2020, he began working on the canonization of Servant of God Brother Columba O'Neill, CSC. The cause is now in Rome where it is being considered by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints.

Paper: *A Brief History of the Midwest Province of Brothers of Holy Cross* IN PERSON

Ethan Trobridge



Ethan is a senior at Cathedral Prep High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He aspires to be a leading figure in the world of theology and plans to attend Holy Cross College in the Fall of 2024.

Paper: *Power of the Novena: The Cure of Agnes Velma Gorman and the Idea of a Miracle in Early 20th Century Medicine.* IN PERSON



SCHEDULE FOR THE 2024 CONFERENCE

9:00 am	Welcome, Brother Joe Fox
9:15 am	John Connelly, CSC <i>The New History of Holy Cross</i>
10:15 am	Philip Smith, CSC <i>A Brief History of the Midwest Province 1956 – 2024</i>
11:00 am	Break
11:15 am	John Draves, CSC <i>The Firefighting Brothers of Notre Dame</i>
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Rick Gribble, CSC <i>The Press at Vatican II: The Contribution of Father Edward Heston, CSC</i>
1:45	Sister Taposi Gomes, CSC <i>Canadian Holy Cross Sister Pioneered Catholic Family Welfare in Bangladesh</i>
2:30 pm	Brother George Klawitter, CSC <i>Brother Basil Gray Apostle to Algiers</i>
3:30 pm	Mass – St. Joseph Chapel
4:15 pm	Board of Directors Meeting Pfeil Center
5:30 pm	Dinner – Andre Place Dining Room
Evening Free	

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

- 9:00 am Sister Patricia Rodriguez-Lael, CSC *A Dream Without Borders: The Sisters of the Holy Cross in Mexico*
- 10:00 am Brother Robert McFadden, CSC *Finding the Heart: The Spirituality of Brother Columba, CSC*
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Mr. Edwin Donnelly, CSC *The Eyes and Ears of Keokuk: Minnie O'Neill, Brother Columba's Sister-in-Law*
- 12:15 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Mr. Austin Brezina *Brother Columba and the Cure of Mrs. Julia Rath 1920*
- 2:00 pm Mr. Ethan Trobridge *Power of the Novena to the Sacred Heart: Cure of Agnes Gorman and the Idea of Miracle in 20th Century Medicine*
- 4:00 pm Mass St. Joseph Chapel
- 6:00 pm Banquet at Carmela's Restaurant



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