



Following
in the
Footsteps
of a
Great Band
of Men



The Campaign for Holy Cross



The first steps of a toddler. The steps of a pioneer making his way through a new frontier. The nervous steps of a young African child approaching a newly established mission church. The first steps of astronauts in space.

Significant accomplishments, personal or public, begin with a single step.

So it was when Basil Moreau took that historic first step in 1837 that established the Congregation of Holy Cross. This bold step ignited a movement across Europe, then to America and eventually across the globe. In its path, a brave band of priests, brothers and sisters found their life's work in service to God and His people.

Following in the footsteps of Father Moreau were men like Father Edward Sorin who braved the frozen plains of the Indiana territory to found the University of Notre Dame; Father William Corby, famed Civil War chaplain and University president; Father Peter Forrestal, pioneer in Hispanic ministry; Father Theodore Hesburgh, confidant of world leaders; Father Vincent McCauley, a missionary who became the first bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda; and Father Tom Streit, biologist and healer of the Haitian people. These are but a few in the long line of Holy Cross religious who have stepped out of their comfortable lives to make a profound difference in the lives of those they serve.

Today, the Indiana Province of Holy Cross has more than 350 active members following in the footsteps of Father Moreau. They serve in six countries, two major American universities, dozens of parishes and high schools, and mission communities in Africa and Latin America. In each of these ministries, the prevailing mission is to serve the needs of God's children as "Educators in the Faith."



Ruelle Sainte-Barbe, Le Mans, France

Steps heard around the world

Indiana Province

The Congregation of Holy Cross is organized into provinces, including two priest Provinces in the United States. The largest of these is the Indiana Province under the leadership of Fr. David T. Tyson, provincial superior. Despite its name, the Indiana Province actually spans from Indiana to Oregon in the U.S., and globally throughout Chile, Mexico and East Africa. It includes the Holy Cross presence at the University of Portland and the University of Notre Dame, parishes in which Holy Cross religious serve, Andre House serving the homeless and poor in Phoenix, the Congregation's formation houses and other assignments.

Province members: 309 priests and brothers

Members in formation: (U.S., East Africa, Chile and Mexico)

| | United States | East Africa | Chile | Mexico |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Pre-novitiate Seminarians | 24 | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| Novices | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Temporary Professed Seminarians | 8 | 20 | 4 | 5 |

Care of elderly and retired religious

- Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, Ind.

Community houses for active retired and semi-retired religious

- Fatima House, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Casa Santa Cruz, Phoenix, Ariz.

Houses of formation of religious in Central, South and North America

- Holy Cross Novitiate, Cascade, Colo.
- Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Old College, Notre Dame, Ind.
- Casa de Formacion, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
- Casa de Formacion, Santiago, Chile
- Noviciado de Santa Cruz, Peru
- Casa Santa Maria, Formador de Apostoles, Mexico

Not a day passes that I do not feel the presence of Our Lady because as I look out my (office) window, there she is. I hope that someday I will meet her, and she will say that Notre Dame is a wonderful place, and that she is glad we asked for her help as it grew from a small log cabin in the woods to a great university.

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C.



Christ the Teacher Chapel, University of Portland

Teachers of our children

Our charism and ministries

A religious community's charism might be described as its spiritual and cultural soul, and each is unique. It is the living gift of the Spirit that emanates from the life work of its founders and is shared by the individuals or groups in the community. Over time, the phrase "educators in the faith" has evolved as an accurate description of the life work of Father Moreau and his followers. This charism is what guides the steps of Holy Cross priests and brothers in their chosen ministries.

The fundamental ministry of Holy Cross is, of course, service to the people of God through the sacraments and especially the Holy Eucharist. In the context of being educators in the faith, this service is rendered through three main apostolates: education, parish and mission.

The man pounding on my rectory door looked crazed. Often homeless folks call on Sunday afternoons. I wondered, "Do I open the door?" Tired from a weekend of Masses, a wedding, and several baptisms, I knew I had to make a choice. I turned the lock, opened the door, and invited this man and his chaos into my life. The first thing that came out of his mouth was, "Father, I need a priest."

Soon we were telling his four-year-old daughter that Mommy had gone to live with the angels so she could be her guardian angel. Her mother's death had been sudden and violent, but we had mediated an annunciation that was peaceful and prayerful.

Fr. John Donato, C.S.C.

Education

In 1841, when the Congregation of Holy Cross and the United States were both in their formative years, Father Moreau sent missionaries from France to America to educate the hearts and minds of the people there. One of those early missionaries was Father Edward Sorin who, on the frozen plains of northern Indiana, envisioned an American Catholic university in the tradition of the great medieval universities of Europe. That vision led to the founding of the University of Notre Dame, an institution that today stands as a literal and figurative landmark of academic excellence.

Years later, Portland Archbishop Alexander Christie had a similar vision. Recognizing the value of the Notre Dame model, he persuaded the Congregation of Holy Cross to assume ownership of a modest university on the bluffs over Oregon's Willamette River. Today, the University of Portland, which has garnered national honors, continues to carry out the University's original mission – teaching, faith and service – under the leadership of Holy Cross priests and brothers.

In addition to their presence at these two major institutions of Catholic higher education, Holy Cross religious teach and serve in a number of high schools and parish schools.





Cathedral Saint-Julien, Le Mans, France

One of the joys of serving as a parish priest is the sheer diversity of people and needs. The day may start with a school assembly, move through a funeral, and end with adult education classes, marriage prep, or general spiritual counseling. So many souls, and all of us are yearning for the grace of God.

One day a young woman came seeking advice, feeling caught between two relationships. She loved living with her family and caring for her toddler nieces and nephews. But her boyfriend, the man whom she felt was the love of her life, was pressuring her to move in with him. Her family did not approve because they did not trust his shady past and persistent refusal to marry her. To move in with him meant leaving her family behind.

We spent a painful, yet graced hour together. Like many of us, she was struggling with the fascination of the world, a world that taught her that love is only something we feel rather than also a decision we make requiring commitment and sacrifice. It taught her that her happiness is the most important thing. But there was still something inside her soul — the light of God's grace — that made her besitate simply to yield to her boyfriend and his promises. I do not know what she decided, I only pray that my vows, faithfully lived, stand as a sign to keep in her heart the fundamental question for all Christians. What will be best for the life of my immortal soul?

Fr. Eric Schimmel, C.S.C.

Educators in the faith

Parish

The first Holy Cross priests were recruited to work in parish missions and assist diocesan clergy. When Father Sorin came to Indiana, he frequently set out on horseback throughout the region to celebrate Mass and provide the Sacraments for Catholics who rarely saw a priest. Through these travels, Father Sorin founded many parishes in the northern Indiana area.

Parishes are natural places for Holy Cross to exercise its charism, providing valuable service, education and instruction in an environment of family spirit and community. Today, the Indiana Province staffs 16 parishes, most with elementary schools, across the United States and numerous others in foreign countries. In addition, the Congregation has a parish presence in Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Oregon and Texas.





Fr. Thom McNally, C.S.C., with Death Row Inmates, Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana

Jason was initiated into our church two years ago. He is a recovering heroin addict. His recovery has had its struggles and relapses. Yet Jason has been clean since the time he joined the Church. And now he is the proud father of a baby girl. . . . Her birth has changed him. One morning before Sunday Mass, Jason looked at his daughter sleeping in his arms and said, "She is God's mercy. God is giving me another chance in life." Jason has known the healing of God's love. Now his daughter is drawing love out of him. Love calls forth love.

Mary is one of our volunteers at the hospitality center at our parish. She has lived on the streets. She understands those who are suffering and afflicted; she has been where they are. She does not judge the poor she serves, but encourages them. . . . She comes to Sunday Mass with other friends in recovery. Mary's presence in our community, through her prayer, her faith in God's mercy, and her love for the poor, is a witness to the reality of God's healing. Indeed, love calls forth love.

One thing we have learned as a parish staff, serving many people in downtown Portland who are homeless, mentally ill, or afflicted with addictions is that we can't fix people. We can welcome and love them. We place our faith in the center of their human experience and trust that God's love can bring needed change. . . . Jason and Mary, and others like them in our community, show to all of us how love calls forth love.

Fr. Bob Loughery, C.S.C.

Voices of God's justice

Mission

Just as missionaries were sent by Father Moreau from France to the United States, the Congregation maintains this tradition through mission work among communities in Africa, Bangladesh, South and Central America, the Philippines and elsewhere.

The goals of this work are both fundamental and profound: to make God known, loved and served, and to boldly address the world's tremendous need for social justice and charity.





Notre Dame du La Couture, Le Mans, France

While passing through Grand Central Station in New York City, I noticed a woman sitting beside a wall near one of the trains. Like an empty, lifeless shell, she sat slumped with her head over her knees. After buying an extra cup of coffee, I sat down beside her and asked, "How are you doing?"

Guardedly, she said, "Fine."

"How has the day been?"

"Good," she quipped defensively.

"What's new?"

"Nothing!" she said. Then she turned away and shut me down, as if a wall had come between us.

We sat together in silence for about twenty minutes, and then she turned my way and said, "Who the hell are you anyways?"

I answered, "I'm a priest, and I just thought you needed a cup of coffee." Unexpectedly, she started to cry intensely. After a long period of silence, I asked, "What is your name?"

She said, "Sara." She then began to describe her cross – her life, its struggles and broken relationships.

Seeing Christ Jesus in her worn and weary face, I asked "Sara, if you could change anything in the world today, what would it be?"

There was a long pause, but then she said, "I would change my mind. Only then might I find the way out of the prison of my own heart." As we sat together and drank our coffee, I experienced a glimmer of the hope born of the Cross of Christ. It was as if I could hear Jesus' words, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mk 12:34).

Fr. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C.

The next step: The Campaign for Holy Cross

Much has been accomplished by the Congregation of Holy Cross since its founding in 1837. But the achievements of the past 170 years pale in comparison with what can be done and what needs to be done. More priests are needed to follow in the footsteps of the great band of men who preceded them. More resources – human, spiritual and financial – must be secured to support and sustain the efforts of the Congregation.

For this reason, in January 2008, the Indiana Province initiated an extensive assessment of the community's ability to continue God's work in the three primary apostolates and of the availability of resources necessary to maintain these initiatives. After a comprehensive evaluation of leadership, prospective benefactor support and anticipated financial needs, the Province adopted a formal set of development recommendations and strategic guidelines for a national fundraising campaign — Following in the Footsteps of a Great Band of Men: The Campaign for Holy Cross.





Fr. Kevin Rousseau, C.S.C. celebrating Mass in the Log Chapel, Notre Dame

Teaching is a path to sainthood, or perhaps martyrdom. Either way, being an educator – especially a Catholic educator – is a vocation that demands devotion and humility if one is truly to educate both the heart and the mind.

During my first months of teaching high school, I had one particularly frustrating evening. As I was correcting papers, I came to the realization that several of my students had blown off an assignment that I had worked hard to create. Disheartened and drained by long and thankless days, I cried out to God, “What am I doing wrong?” I walked down the hall and talked to Fr. Sean McGraw, C.S.C., and at his suggestion, I retreated to our chapel, bible and gradebook in hand.

There, before the Blessed Sacrament, I prayed the words of the parable of the sower and the seed. Christ told his followers that the seed they spread throughout the world would find many different kinds of soil, some rich and some rocky, but their charge was simply to spread the good news with reckless abandon. I realized that it would not be through my strength that these seeds would take root, but only through the power of the Holy Spirit. His was the mission, his would be the strength, and from him alone would come the grace to persevere in teaching each of the names staring at me in my gradebook. This, for me, is the divine call not only of teaching, but of all vocation – cooperating with God’s grace, spreading the good news, and then getting out of the Holy Spirit’s way.

Fr. Nate Wills, C.S.C.

The journey of a lifetime

Preparing the next great band of men

Without question, the future of Holy Cross depends on finding, nurturing and inspiring the next generation of Holy Cross priests and brothers. Although the number and quality of young men currently pursuing a Holy Cross vocation are encouraging, the need for additional priests and brothers is great. The Province currently expends \$2 million annually to provide for the education and the formation programs that prepare young men for potential profession of their final vows – a journey that can take up to eight years.

In actuality, formation is a life-long process. Holy Cross recognizes it is essential that, in the earliest years of vocational development, young men receive spiritual direction, the tools they need to assist them in their journey, and a community that will envelop them in prayer. Seminarians in foreign countries also participate in programs unique to the national culture.

It should be noted that candidates for Holy Cross vocations earn little or no salary. For this reason, the Province must absorb the entire cost of their formation. In fiscal year 2008, that amounted to an investment of \$1.5 million for 24 young men in the U.S. alone.





The late Fr. Roman Ladewski, C.S.C. viewing campus from Holy Cross House

Serving those who served

Every year on Christmas Day, the youth of La Luz, our Holy Cross parish in Guadalupe, Mexico, throw a party for the children from the poorest section of the parish. These are children who dwell in houses made of cardboard, tar paper, and perhaps a bit of tin for a roof. They live on dirt floors, walk dusty roads, and gather water from a common spigot. The celebration at the church is their only Christmas party. It is the only time that they receive presents.

...What touched me... was one six-year-old girl. She left the party carrying many things in her arms. Just outside the church gate, however, she passed a four year old standing alone in the street. After walking about ten steps past him, the girl wheeled around and ran straight back to the little child. She then slowly took some of the candy that she was carrying and gave it to him, then one of her presents, a balloon, and some more candy. I couldn't believe it. She then simply turned around and literally skipped away down the street, back to her desperately poor neighborhood.

Fr. Pete Logsdon, C.S.C.

Like many communities, religious or secular, Holy Cross is facing the difficulties of an aging population and unrelenting increases in healthcare costs. Forty-one percent of members of the Indiana Province are 70 years of age or older. Although many are still active and never officially retire, their need for quality healthcare is significant. Here are some relevant facts:

- Annual operating costs for Holy Cross House (facility for elder, medically ill, retired religious):
Nearly \$2 million
- Dental and medical insurance premiums: \$650,000 per year
- Average expenses for assisted living facilities: \$42,800 per individual annually
- Projected Retirement Fund shortfall: \$7 million within 3 to 4 years

To be sure, caring for the elder members of the Indiana Province involves substantial cost. However, the important issue is not one of statistics or cost. It is the commitment of Holy Cross to provide an appropriate quality of life for the men who have given their lives for the benefit of God's children.





Village in East Africa

Beacons of hope in places where there are few

Several months after the main killings of the Rwandan genocide, I visited our Holy Cross parish there and our Canadian priest who was pastor. He had worked in Rwanda for several decades, but on that day he was still reeling from the recent bloodbath. We listened to a tape he had made of machine gun fire and anguished screams as the mobs attacked the Tutsi refugees he had tried to shelter at the parish. "I made this tape," he said, "because I was afraid no one would believe the terrible story we would tell." Now he was worried about revenge as the new army had arrived and new scores were being settled. . . .

On that day he was just glad to talk and to laugh about Holy Cross. We ate and drank and said a few prayers. He said he was pleased that the people were returning some of the furniture that had been looted from the clinic. He seemed somehow to have a glimmer of hope. Four nights later they came to his house during dinner – his dessert plate was still on the table. The soldiers led him into his bedroom and let him kneel in front of the crucifix for a while. Then they broke his skull open with a hammer and left him in a pool of martyr's blood. Our passion is to be his servant. Our peace is in his will.

Fr. Thomas McDermott, C.S.C.

Going where God calls

From the earliest days of the Congregation, mission work has been the calling of scores of Holy Cross religious. From France, Holy Cross missionaries journeyed into territories others would not consider. Algiers. Bengal. Canada. And the United States. In America, Father Sorin sent priests, brothers and sisters throughout the land. Calls for assistance in Portland and Galveston, for example, resulted in the establishment of lasting ministries in Oregon and Texas.

Today, while the Indiana Province has members serving in Haiti, Peru, Ghana and Bangladesh, the official missions of the Province are in East Africa and Mexico. Here, the Indiana Province is the primary source of funds to perpetuate established ministries and introduce seriously needed new ones.

In East Africa, in particular, Holy Cross has been especially blessed with success. The work of Holy Cross missionaries has inspired many native-born Africans to join the Congregation and work in the missions themselves. Again, much has been accomplished, but with sufficient resources, much more can still be achieved.

Currently, Holy Cross in the United States funds approximately 93 percent of the annual operating budget of the District of East Africa; more than \$1 million a year. The goal is to create an endowment of at least \$15 million to provide these funds. While most of this has already been secured, an additional \$5 million is necessary to adequately fund the endowment. In addition, monies are needed to provide the same level of advanced education for East African Holy Cross religious as their counterparts in the U.S. Capital expenses must also be met. During the past five years, the Province has invested more than \$1.7 million on capital projects and an additional \$1.8 million is being sought for this purpose.

Mexico is likewise a country in which the Holy Cross presence has had a profound impact with a bright future. The formation program, especially, is thriving but has no financial resources. At the present time, formation program costs are covered through the Province's general operating budget. Future needs are projected at \$1.3 million to endow the formation program and \$300,000 for expansion of facilities.



Step By Step

The Campaign Leadership

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The Campaign Plan

A journey of this magnitude is not taken without serious planning. In the spirit of good stewardship, the leadership of the Campaign for Holy Cross has studied and recommends this allocation of resources.

Religious formation, education and advanced studies: \$12 million

- Annual support of Formation and Advanced Studies
- Campaign to create awareness of Holy Cross and encourage vocations to the Congregation
- Endowment for public relations and technological communications
- Total endowment for Office of Vocations including staffing and communications: \$1.5 million
- Holy Cross Education Endowment and Moreau Seminary operational resources: \$10.5 million

Holy Cross House, Assisted Living, Retirement and Wellness: \$10.5 million

- Assurance of quality healthcare and facilities
- Gifts for retirement and healthcare, for partial operational funding of Holy Cross House plus subsidizing of dental and health insurance premiums, and for assisted living: \$10 million
- Gifts for a Wellness Program to identify individual needs and health assessments and development of strategies including health plans and wellness support systems: \$500,000

International missions: \$8.4 million

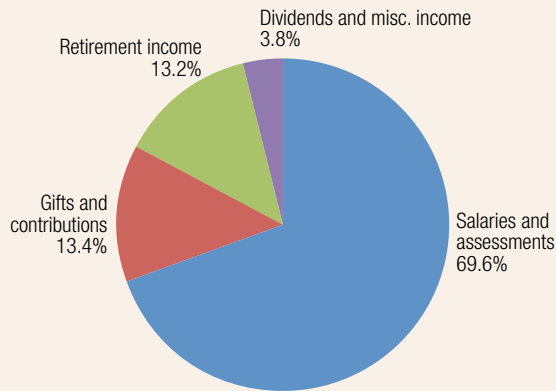
East Africa

- Operating endowment: \$5 million
- Infrastructure investments at Holy Cross Lakeview Secondary School: \$1.2 million
- Physical expansion of the Novitiate in Saaka for vocational development: \$600,000

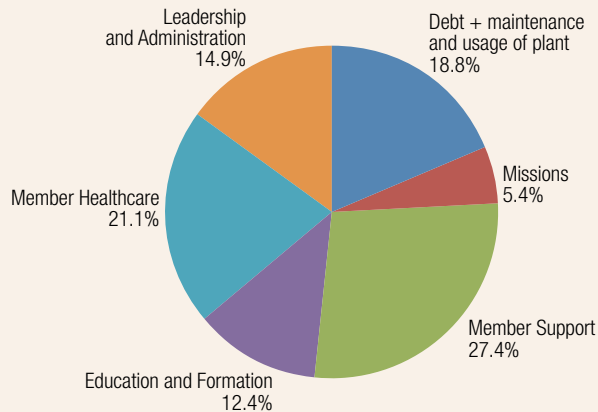
Mexico

- Endowment for Formation and Education of Seminarians: \$1.3 million
- Creation of a Formation House: \$300,000

Indiana Province Income \$9,521,174



Indiana Province Expenses \$15,014,090





Notre Dame, Indiana

Come walk with us

For 170 years, members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, have brought service and sacraments, education and instruction, hope and healing to people throughout the world. They have provided inspiration to all they serve. And they have taken challenge and sacrifice and turned it into opportunity to build God's kingdom on earth.

Today, the opportunities are limitless and Holy Cross religious are full of zeal to continue down the path of their predecessors. Zeal to serve in parishes throughout the world. Zeal to educate and counsel future generations of youth seeking a Catholic education at the finest institutions in the world. And zeal to minister to the sick and poor. The greatest challenges to continuing the good work of Holy Cross are limited human and financial resources.

The need for financial resources is great: as much as \$30 million. But accomplishing the task will enhance the tradition of Holy Cross where we know it is strong, while igniting its beacons of hope where the work is just beginning. To accomplish this may require multiple efforts, but we invite our many benefactors, friends and lay collaborators to travel beside us on this incredibly important journey. The path is clear. The rewards are great. Come walk with us.

Holy Cross religious are educators in the faith. They are voices for God's justice. They are teachers of our children. They are potential touchstones of social responsibility for world leaders. They are beacons of hope in places where there are often few sources of light. Your help can keep that beacon burning strong and secure.



*"The footsteps of those men who called us to walk in their company
left deep prints as of men carrying heavy burdens.
But they did not trudge; they strode.
For they had the hope."*

– Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross



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The Campaign for Holy Cross