

Order of



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July 2009

St. John Feast Day Mass and Dinner

The community at Holy Cross College welcomed us for Mass on the Feast of St. John, and **Fr. Ken Grabner, C.S.C.** gave us an inspirational word for the occasion. We were also joined by the malades we sponsored this year: **Skip** and **Sheila Felinski**, and **Chris, Allison** and **Louis Nanni**. Also joining us was **Mary Beth Fessler, D.M.** from the Connecticut area who led one of their teams.



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They later shared their experiences at a wonderful dinner at the Summit Club, arranged by our **Hospitaller Marjorie ByCraft**. We were moved by their stories, and grateful to have played a role in the blessings they received from their pilgrimage to visit Our Lady of Lourdes.



We also had a friendly competition testing our knowledge of the Order. It was great to see so many of our Confreres qualifying for the final round! In the end, we had two winners: **Rosemarie Keane**, and **Michael Thomas**.

Above: Allison and Chris Nanni share their Lourdes experience



Right : Jack Keane, Skip Felinski, Rosemarie Keane, and Sheila Felinski

Below Right: Members of the Auxiliary, Robert Cassady, Anastassia Godfrey, Michael Thomas, and Olivia Brach



Heart of Champions day

We helped sponsor the Heart of Champions Day this year at St. Joseph's High School. It was organized by Life Athletes to benefit Special Olympics athletes, and joined by athletes from the University of Notre Dame and St. Joe's. The South Bend Tribune ran a nice story entitled "All Kinds of Champs." The event emphasized the importance of character over talent, and that disabilities do not diminish human dignity.



Above: John and Margie Bycraft, Dick and Vicki Riel and Chris Godfrey cook up some delicious burgers provided by Dan Fitzpatrick, K.M. and Quality Dining

Candidates for Knighthood

The following candidates are on track for Investiture at New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral in 2010. Please keep them in your prayers during this year of preparation:

Frank Reilly sponsored by **Scott Malpass, K.M.**

George Resnik, Sr. sponsored by **Fred Crowe, K.M.**

New York Gets a New Archbishop

A delegation of our order joined a massive procession stretching for blocks into the Cathedral of St. Patrick where **Archbishop Timothy Dolan** was installed as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York. He will likely preside at our next Investiture ceremony in November. **Edward Cardinal Egan** is retiring, and has served as our Principal Chaplain for many years.



Above Left: Cardinal Egan and Archbishop Dolan at Installation

Above Right: Daria and Chris Godfrey at Investiture

Auxiliary Formed

The following have come together to form our first Auxiliary in the Northern Indiana area. Please welcome:

Olivia Brach
Robert Cassady
Anastassia Godfrey
Katherine Remley
Michael Thomas

Benediction with the Bishop

We joined **Bishop John D’Arcy** for prayer and adoration at a special vigil before this year’s Commencement at the University of Notre Dame. **Area-Chair Chris Godfrey** also spoke at a special assembly of graduating seniors on the South Quad outside the Rockne Memorial Building the following day.

The controversy precipitating these events was widely reported, but the full beauty and significance of this alternative Commencement Ceremony was not given its due in the national, local, or even university media. If you are interested, please visit, www.ndresponse.com.

Priestly Jubilee Mass

Fr. Camillo Tirabassi of Corpus Christi Parish celebrated his 50th year as a priest of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend. Joining priests and bishops from the surrounding area were some of our Confreres: **Chris Godfrey**, **Mary Reilly Hunt**, **Vicki Riel**, and **John Rosenthal**.

2009 Grant Recipients

The Order of Malta awarded grants to The Christ Child Society (\$2,500), and Women's Care Center (\$7,500). These two organizations have been doing a wonderful work for many years in the Northern Indiana Area.

Upcoming Events

Mass for Life- *September, South Bend, IN.*

White Mass – *October, South Bend, IN.*

National Conference- September 25-27, Long Island, NY.

Investiture Weekend – November 12-14, New York, NY.

Day of Recollection (Advent) – December, South Bend, IN.