

Holy Cross Retreat

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Letter 211

Greetings

Phi will return from his holiday in Sydney today, and **Brian** will return from his formation meetings in Vietnam on Monday.

There will be a **meeting of all the lay staff** of the Province next Thursday and Friday, March 7-8th at Holy Cross. We welcome them all soon.

Rose Cincotta completes working for Holy Cross

Rose will complete working for Holy Cross next Friday, 8th March 2024. Even though her face does not show it, she is sad to leave but she relocated two years ago, and the long drive to and from work has become too much.

Rose has been working as our administration and finance officer for the past five years which includes assisting us through Covid 19 lockdown years.



She will be a big loss because of her high qualifications, her experience as a parish pastoral worker, and her lovely bright energetic personality. We are grateful for the love she put into serving Holy Cross community above and beyond her role's expectations. We wish Rose well for the future and we know that we remain friends.

Come Away Day report The first Come Away Day (CAD) of the year was

held at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 28th February**. The theme of the day was ***'Welcome the freshness of this new day'***.

There were more than a dozen that attended. Milly Mazzei shares about the CAD below. Thank you Milly for your reflection.



"Come away day...a

day of reflection, a day of connection, a day to reach into our souls. Especially during Lent, touching base with our inner selves, relinquishing the mundane and the daily struggles and being in touch with our Creator, whilst rejoicing in our gratitude towards Him, brings us back to who we really are, and the beauty of our purpose in life, as well as an opportunity for deep prayer and calmness of mind.



Please do not miss the next one. God bless and thank you for all the hard work!"

We thank the CAD team for the day, Lien, Pam and Brigid cp. We also thank Joey CP for leading the Eucharist with anointing of the sick service at the end.

Companions on St Gabriel's Feast



The Holy Cross Passionist Companions gathered on Monday 27th, The Feast Day of St Gabriel. Although it was a few of them, the reflective gathering was rather meaningful and nurturing for their hearts.



ST. GABRIEL
OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
Feast Day: February 27
(Patron of Clerics & Descours)

Dear Saint Gabriel, your very name recalls your particular devotion to Christ, the Man of Sorrows, and to Mary, the Afflicted Mother. You died young as a Passionist religious, but left to us all an example of a life of Christ-like sacrifice. Intercede for our seminarians and young religious who are in desperate need of your patronage amid today's selfish world.

Amen.

St Gabriel's Festa



The annual celebration of St Gabriel (whose feast day is as mentioned above, February 27th) was held at Holy Cross last Sunday by the 'San Gabriele' Community. Bruno and his team were at the centre cleaning, setting up all week leading to the festival.



On a warm but windy morning, Chris Monaghan led us through the Rosary at 10am and a Eucharistic celebration at 10.30am, all in Italian. In his thank you speech, Bruno said to Chris "your Italian is getting better and better each year, you will have to continue doing this for us for it to continue getting even more better."

Apart from the significant spiritual reason, the feast brings people together, to reconnect and connect with new people. At the end of the day, some of the organising team stayed to debrief, give thanks and continue cleaning up until after 10pm. See more photos below taken by Joseph Cuong Van Than, one of our three Passionist postulants.

We thank everyone involved particularly the San Gabriele committee for putting on a good community building and rather spiritually strengthening event once

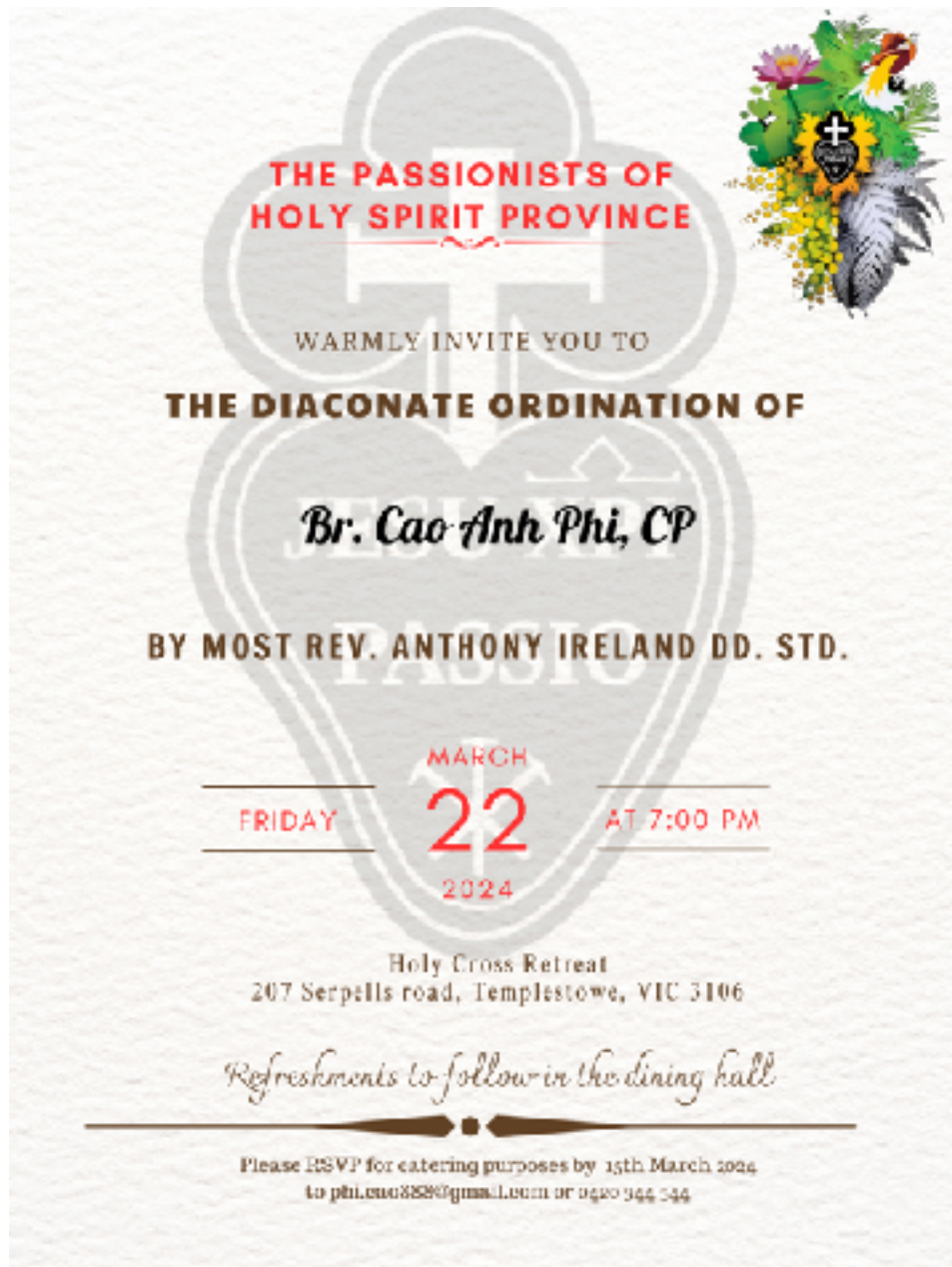


again. We look forward to the next year's festa.

Eggs on Tuesday instead of Monday

The next eggs collection day will be on Tuesday March 12th, not Monday 11th as it is a public holiday.





Humour



1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

6. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
10. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
12. A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.
13. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
14. Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
15. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
16. A calendar's days are numbered.
17. A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.
18. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
19. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
20. A plateau is a high form of flattery.
21. The short fortune teller escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
22. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
23. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.
24. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
25. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
26. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
27. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
28. Acupuncture: a jab well done.
29. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
30. The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
31. Jock was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

Early one morning, a husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, she folded her arms and said, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible! Her husband was shocked. "It is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"

God was talking to one of his angels and said, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel said, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God said, "I think I'll call it a day."

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned how God created humans. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's rib. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying on the floor and asked him what was wrong. He replied: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife!"

Prayers

We remember those who have passed away recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially:

Val Carrigg (March 1st – Terry's husband (also RIP)

Peter Robson (March 1st – Maria's husband (also RIP)

Luigi Spinoza (March 1st)

Joe Stenta (March 1st)

Maxine Vita (2nd March)

Rosa Vasarelli (March 3rd – Matt's mother)

Catherina Di Giovine (March 3rd) Pina Scheranz's mother)

Connie Costanzo (March 4th - Dominic & Lucia's Isgro's daughter)

Evelyn Rebello (March 4th)

We remember all others in our Holy Cross family who are unwell, especially.



Dawn Heffernan, Tony Kelly CsSR, Tony Tome, Maree Bartoli, Pam Storey, Paul Geoghegan, Carol Batistella, Peter McNamara, Peter & Bernadette Owen, Alexander Lim, Michael O'Callaghan, Maeve & John Reardon, Gerry Bond, Shirley Barnes, Bronwyn Burke, Helen McLean, Monique Hardinge, Phil Drew, Mary Hackett, Pam Gartland, Patricia Keeghan, Anne Jenkins, Errol Lovett, Greg Agosta, Sr Gen Walsh RSC, Kate & Mary Dunn, Chris O'Toole,

Gerald Quinn CP,

Jeff Foale CP and baby Alfred Theodore in London.

The **Mass link** for this Sunday will be sent on Saturday by Chris.

Brian and Erick.