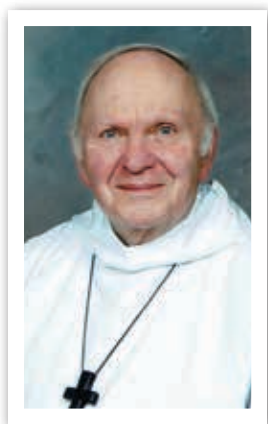




“Behold, I am making



DAVID BRYAN
HOOPES OHC, PRIOR

Eastertide 2020

Easter in North America comes in the spring – an eagerly awaited time. It is a pleasure to observe colour returning to the landscape, delicate buds on trees and flowering shrubs, and longer hours of light. Although spring’s new life happens every year our spirits are warmly touched by the gift of new life.

The Gospel narrative of Holy Week and Easter tells of God’s power to change the tragedy of the Crucifixion into a glorious new beginning for the disciples and other friends of Jesus. This change resulted in word and action making real the message that Christ the Word of God is alive and very present in the world.

Before Good Friday Jesus was the one who gave meaning and hope to the disciples. By the evening of Good Friday their hopes and dreams were destroyed. Holy Saturday must have been a time of sorrowful reflection. On the First Day of the week, the morning of the Resurrection, Jesus arose from death and appeared more radiant and alive than the disciples had ever known. The power of God’s new life began to work in the lives and hearts of those whom the Lord called as followers. In time they were transformed from despair to passionate love. Their transformation enabled others to experience the beauty of God’s creation, hope in place of despair, light in place of darkness, love in place of hate, and joy in place of sorrow.

Our Lord Jesus offers new life to us; the power to love again, to trust again when trust was betrayed, to hope again when hope had grown dim; and to smile again when tears have been spent.

“When our hearts are wintry, greiving, or in pain,
Christ’s touch can call us back to life again,

ing all things new.”

- REVELATION 21:5



fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat that springeth green.”

- John Macleod Campbell Crum,
Easter Hymn, “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

May we welcome the festival of the Resurrection as a celebration of new life,
new hope, and new purpose.

Alleluia, Christ is risen; the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Faithfully yours,
David Bryan Hoopes OHC
Prior

Community Notes



NEWS FROM THE TORONTO COMMUNITY

BR. CHRISTIAN SWAYNE celebrated his 55th anniversary of Life Profession on St. Joseph's Day, March 19.

BR. DAVID BRYAN HOOPES was at the OHC council meeting in January. He delivered a paper on prayer to the newly ordained clergy of the Diocese. Br. David Bryan will conclude his pastoral ministry at St. Hilda's Church on April 30. He has served as Associate Priest and Priest-in-Charge since 2015. He will continue his ministry to St. James Cathedral and at St. Barnabas Church.

BR. ADRIAN GILL continues to employ his culinary skills at the Priory. On Wednesday afternoons he volunteers at St. John's West Toronto to assist in the parish's after-school drop-in for high school students. Br. Adrian regularly worships at St. John's.

BR. LEONARD ABBAH has completed his three month ministry in the Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. He has assisted the Bishop with catechesis and pastoral work. Br. Leonard also assisted when needed at St. Nicholas Seminary. When travel restrictions re the COVID-19 pandemic permit, he will return to Toronto. During the summer Br. Leonard will be engaged with Sunday supply priestly work.

BR. REGINALD-MARTIN CRENSHAW continues with his spiritual direction practice using Zoom and FaceTime because of COVID-19. He is the sabbath coach for the Parish of Grace Church, Scarborough and was also installed as Lay Pastor of Holy Trinity, Thornhill. This was done on the first Sunday of Lent. Holy Trinity is using Zoom to conduct Sunday services and Br. Reginald has been the preacher for the Lenten series at Holy Trinity. During the month of February he was guest preacher every Sunday in a variety of parishes. He was part of the coordinating committee for the Silver Jubilee of Black Heritage held on February 23 at St. Paul's Church, Bloor Street.

Br. Reginald continues his congregational development work as the Parish Selection Coach for St. Joseph of Nazareth in Bramalea. Those weekly sessions are done through Zoom. He has also participated by Zoom in a recent Ontario Provincial Consultation Meeting regarding the congregational programs of the Diocese of Toronto and their impact on the mission of the Diocese.



ABOVE: PARTICIPANTS IN A RETREAT FOR THE POSTULANTS OF THE DIOCESE DIRECTED BY BR. CHARLES, JANUARY 10-11, 2020.

Br. Reginald continues his work with the Black Anglicans of Canada and recently attended a POC (People of Colour) conference in Southern Ontario with representatives from across Canada.

BR. CHARLES MCMULKIN continues as Priest-in-Charge of St. Leonard's Church. He conducted a retreat for the postulants of the Diocese. Br. Charles has discerned that he will not renew his First Profession Vow on June 30. He made that profession on June 30, 2018. After leaving the Priory he will continue his pastoral work at St. Leonard's and will also resume ministry as a counsellor.

We are grateful for Br. Charles' life in our Order and especially in the Priory. His faithfulness in prayer and worship, his commitment to advocacy for social justice, his keen and enquiring intellect, his work with our associates, and his participation in our community life have enriched our life and witness at Holy Cross Priory. We shall miss Br. Charles and we pray God's blessing on him and will continue to hold him in love and prayers.

NEWS FROM THE ORDER

BR. ADAM MCCOY celebrated his 40th anniversary of Life Profession on December 29, 2019. He is prior of Mt Calvary Monastery, Santa Barbara, California and is the historian of the Order and a member of Council.

BR. LUC SIMON THUKU made the First Profession of the monastic vow on March 19, Feast of St. Joseph. The Superior received his vow at Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, New York.



ABOVE: BR. LUC SIMON THUKU



**ABOVE: BR. ROY
EARL PARKER**

BR. ROY EARL PARKER died on February 20 at the Monastery in West Park. He was Life Professed in 1976. Br. Roy was known for his ministry as a spiritual director and as a gifted calligrapher. His gentle, gracious, and insightful manner made him a deeply loved brother and friend.

Congratulations to **FR. ROY NIXON AHC** who celebrated the 55th anniversary of priesthood on March 25, Feast of the Annunciation. Fr. Roy is a long time Associate, friend and supporter of the Order's work in Canada.

Prayer for the Holy Cross Family

Lord Jesus Christ, you have bound us together in your love and united us in prayer and service. Look with favour on all the Holy Cross Family. Guard us from bodily harm and preserve us in temptation. Bless us in the work which you have given us to do, and be ever-near us to comfort and support us, that we may live and serve together here in the spirit and the power of your Cross and come at last to our eternal home, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ASSOCIATES OF THE HOLY CROSS (AHC)

From the Rule for Associates is the statement that Associates intend to love and serve God through a relationship with the Order of the Holy Cross, adapting to their lives the Benedictine principles on which monks base their common life. Associates and other brothers regularly remember each other in prayer. Both support each other through hospitality and service as is possible.

In Canada we are deeply thankful for our associates who are located in different parts of our vast country. Many of you have been associates for decades and have faithfully supported the brothers with your prayers, hospitality, encouragement, and financial offerings. Under the dedicated leadership of Br. Charles new associates have been added to our extended OHC family.

Recently on February 15, a group of associates gathered at the Priory to enjoy Eucharist, fellowship, lunch, and a planning session. There is a desire for small regional AHC meetings chaired by an associate, a ready group, and regular communication by letter, email, FaceBook, etc. The hope is that such will happen in the places where AHC live.

Easter Communion

by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–1889)

Pure fasted faces draw unto this feast:
God comes all sweetness to your Lenten lips.
You striped in secret with breath-taking whips,
Those crooked rough-scored chequers may be pieced
To crosses meant for Jesu's; you whom the East
With draught of thin and pursuant cold so nips
Breathe Easter now; you serged fellowships,
You vigil-keepers with low flames decreased,

God shall o'er-brim the measures you have spent
With oil of gladness, for sackcloth and frieze
And the ever-fretting shirt of punishment
Give myrrhy-threaded golden folds of ease.
Your scarce-sheathed bones are weary of being bent:
Lo, God shall strengthen all the feeble knees.

On March 14 Jonathan Cowans AHC and Tim Vickery AHC prepared and served a delicious supper for the brothers. Christine Amy AHC was part of the planning team but was unable to be with us due to required self-isolation re COVID-19.

Beginning May 1st, Br. David Bryan will serve as Director of Associates. He is no stranger to this ministry having served in that capacity at the Mother House in New York and in Toronto from 2010-2013. Please direct your enquiries and correspondence to him at davidbohcg@gmail.com or by telephone 416-767-9081, ext. 3.

**Love must act
as light must shine
and fire must burn.**

- Fr. Huntington OHC

Worship Times

7:00am Matins

8:00am Eucharist

(TUESDAY-FRIDAY, SATURDAY AT 5:00PM)

11:30am Diurnum (Midday Prayer)

5:00pm Vespers

7:30pm Compline

(MONDAY IS OUR DAY OF REST.
THERE ARE NO SERVICES.)



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