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Schools Spend Mardi Gras Working with Brothers on Reservation



TOGETHER. Students from **Mount St. Charles Academy** and **Brother Martin High School** meet for supper and to discuss their experience on the Navajo Reservation working with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

were led by Br. Nelson Dionne, Campus Minister. They worked near **St. Anne's Mission** with Br. John Hotstream, Br. Ramon Daunis and Br. Neri Falgout. Some of the projects included repairing roofs, building ramps for the elderly, and painting.

Brother Martin students were led by Judy Stewart and Dean Songy. The students worked primarily with Br. James Burns and his third grade class. They took a field trip to **Canyon de Chelly** and did some tutoring in class.



NAVAJO. The entrance procession at the Ash Wednesday Mass was led by local Navajo dancers. [Click here to view the video on YouTube.com.](#)

During a week when most students are out celebrating, eighteen students from **Mount St. Charles** and **Brother Martin** traveled to the **Navajo Reservation** to live, work, and pray with the Brothers and **Navajo** people.

Students and staff from **Mount St. Charles Academy** (**Woonsocket, RI**) spent the week at **St. Anne's Mission** in **Klagetoh, AZ.** and those from **Brother Martin High School** (**New Orleans, LA**) worked with Brothers at **St. Michael Indian School.**

Students from **Mount St. Charles**



PIGGYBACK. Seniors from **Brother Martin**, **James Jones** (left) and **Brett Haro** carry two third graders from **St. Michael's Indian School.**

The two schools came together for supper and prayer one evening and for Ash Wednesday services the next night.



ASHES. Br. Nelson Dionne, Campus Minister at **Mount St. Charles Academy**, distributes the ashes.



Students Reflect about Experience on Reservation

Springs

(Rule of Life 115)

*Lord, young people hunger
and thirst for love
and education;
the young of all races,
languages and nations,*

*the young of all social,
moral, physical,
and spiritual conditions.*

*Take my heart, take my hands,
take my entire being
for the service of these,
your younger brothers
and sisters.*

*Lord, help me to quench
their thirst for love
and for education
as you quench my thirst
each day at the
springs of salvation.*

Br. Mathieu Cabo, Senegal



STUDENTS. Matt Lamb, a senior at **Br. Martin High School**, with two third graders from **St. Michael's Indian School**.

Many of us coming here had the premonition that we would be the ones to help, to give a needed hand, but never in a thousand years would I have imagined that we would be taking so much more from this trip than could ever be given. Our time spent here was like no other. We've had every heartstring pulled and every last nerve pushed. This trip has become one of the defining moments in our lives, and I would bet everything I own in saying that none of us will ever forget it.



It's weird because in a typical situation one would feel out of place in coming to a culture and way of life completely different from one's own, but not here. There's a strange sense of home upon entering Navajo life, a sense of serenity and peace, that few of us have experienced elsewhere. The Navajo opened their minds, hearts and nation to us with nothing less than a welcoming smile. We were immediately one of their own here to lend a helping hand. We were assigned to a third grade class at St. Michael's Indian School and immediately fell in love with the kids there. The smiles that we met upon our arrival and the tears that fell upon our leaving only scratch the surface of our experience.

Each one of us experienced this trip from a different perspective, one that has taken something completely different from this experience.

Father André Coindre's Life Remembered on May 30

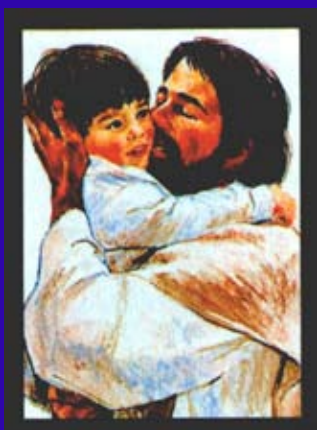
On May 30 the **Brothers of the Sacred Heart** will remember the anniversary of **Fr. Coindre's** death. **Fr. Coindre** founded the **Brothers of the Sacred Heart** in 1821, known then as the Brothers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Three years earlier, he had established the Ladies of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the education of girls. An eloquent preacher and zealous missionary, **Fr. Coindre** was much sought after by bishops in France to lead their people back to the faith following the Revolution.

Fr. Coindre stayed so busy in the apostolate that he spent little time with his religious congregations, but he did keep in close touch by means of correspondence, writing many exhortatory letters. A victim of the driving demands he placed upon himself in his ministries, **Fr. Coindre** died prematurely at the age of thirty-nine before he had time to formalize a set of **Rules and Constitutions**. He did, however, pass on to the Brothers his charism: a zeal for the evangelization of youth and a spirituality of love in action.

The **Brothers of the Sacred Heart** holds that its founder, **Father Coindre**, preached and acted upon the spirit of compassion that Jesus exemplified through his own life. By responding to the abandoned youth in the city of **Lyon**, **Father Coindre** gave of himself, of his own heart. The **Brothers of the Sacred Heart** are called to respond just as **Father Coindre**, just as Jesus did. This spirit of compassion is what motivates the Brothers today.



FR. COINDRE. St. Nizier church is where Fr. Andre Coindre was baptized and found the two little girls who had been abandoned. This act led to the foundation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.



Read Some of **Father Coindre's** Reflections on Easter Season



“Oh the incomprehensible love of the heart of Jesus! Love stronger than death! Lord Jesus, you died out of love, love for us! Is it possible that we should refuse to return that love?”

“You are friends of the Lord, inheritors of heaven, trophies of the victory of Jesus Christ. Raise your heads, then, with confidence, and may the light of serenity and of holy joy shining on your faces speak more loudly than any words; may everything in you glorify the Lord.”



“I am going to speak to you of heaven; I am going to transport you into heaven; I want to concern myself only with heaven. Dry your tears, suffering souls and you sinners, and take heed. I want to awaken your hopes, detach you from the earth, and give you a glimpse of heaven.”

Check Out Br. Patrick's Blog on **Blogspot.com**

Br. Patrick Cousins, SC is on the **Campus Ministry Team at St. Louis University**. He just recently returned from a mission trip to Bronx, NY where he and students from **SLU** worked with the homeless for a week. On his blog you can also read his recent paper delivered at the **Notre Dame Peace Studies Conference**. The quote below is taken from the paper.

“A genuine commitment to nonviolence demands a renewed understanding of the theological virtue of hope as an acknowledgement that God can do more than we are able of accomplishing.”



[Click Here to read Br. Patrick's](#) **blog**

We are Still Accepting Applications for Summer Mission Trips



[Click here for Zambia Trip Information](#)

[Click here for Navajo Trip Information](#)



Our Rule of Life
#61

Following Christ

Religious consecration leads us to offer ourselves completely to the Lord.

United to the offering of the Son, we wish to clothe ourselves with the sentiments of his Heart, to follow him in his chaste, poor, and obedient way of life, and in this way to strive for that perfect love of which he is the model.



Some Great Discernment Links on the Web



What do you really want to do with your life? Who do you want to be? How do you know if you're on the right path? How is God speaking to you about your career choice? This is a great site which assists young adults to reflect on God's call in their lives.

SpiritCittings:

[BLOGTOPSITES](#)

Seeing the Spirit at work in the world

People are moved by the Spirit in myriad ways. Those who choose religious life take a road less traveled. This site puts a human face on this countercultural way of living. Along the way they explore questions of faith, God's unique call to each of us, and the process of discerning a vocation.



The Vocation Discerners Group on Facebook is for anyone that has EVER thought about being a priest, brother, or sister. If you have any questions, thoughts, or ever thought that it might be cool, then this is the group to be in!

Vocation Events Coming Up

April 29

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

June 27-July 4

[Mission/Discernment Trip, St. Anne's Mission, Klagetoh, AZ](#)

July 11-Aug. 2

[Zambia Mission Trip, Malole, Zambia](#)



SHITIMA. Br. Ray Hetu, SC, Dean of St. Columba's College, visits with students at the [Shitima School in Kabwe, Zambia](#).

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