

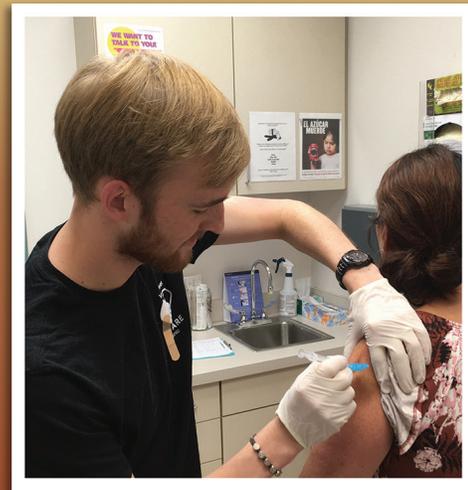
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An Invitation

by Margaret Haik, Director of Communications

The new year starts with an exciting announcement. One of the articles this month is a joint announcement by the Precious Blood Leadership Conference of the creation of the Precious Blood Spirituality Institute, which “will promote Precious Blood spirituality to the world, coordinating retreats and workshops, and offering volunteer opportunities where the spirituality is lived out.” The PBSI will partner with Catholic Theological Union, establishing there “The Schreiter Institute,” honoring long-time professor, the late Fr. Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S.

Thirty years ago, Fr. Schreiter wrote *In Water and In Blood: A Spirituality of Solidarity and Hope*. This fall and winter, the Kansas City Province created a YouTube video series to study the book. The series consists of 24 videos, two released each week. The first each week features Fr. Keith Branson, C.P.P.S., who gives a brief overview of a chapter. The second video consists of a discussion of the chapter between Fr. Keith, Companion Director Vicky Otto, and candidates Greg Evers and Newton Lih, who both study at CTU.

“Bob Schreiter captured the Precious Blood tradition that reaches back to 1815 and put it in a modern context,” said Fr. Keith. Fr. Schreiter’s book tells us that if we want to be in touch with the blood of Christ, we need to go to the boundaries of life and death—the margins. Then we can be in touch with the holy of holies. Relating it to Pope Francis’ *The Joy of the Gospel*, Fr. Keith said that both chart our path forward in solidarity and hope.

Vicky Otto pointed out that every great community’s spirituality has a text that can be pointed to as formative. “*In Water and In Blood* should be that text for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.” She notes that Fr. Schreiter encapsulated a spirituality that is very livable for every person in the Precious Blood community. “This book...is as applicable today as it was when it first came out.”

We hope that each month the articles in the *New Wine Press* will continue to explore and highlight Precious Blood spirituality. In addition, to celebrate the new Schreiter Institute, I invite you to read (or re-read) *In Water and In Blood* and visit our YouTube channel (Communications Precious Blood KC) or our Facebook page (@CPPSKC) to watch the videos for each chapter and share your thoughts in the comment sections. ✠

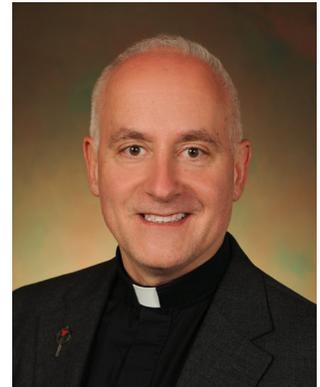
Outside the Gate

by Fr. David Matz, C.P.P.S., Vice-Provincial Director

There are five magnolia trees outside the gate of Sonnino Mission House in Berkeley where I live. I have a love/hate relationship with them. During the winter, or what we call the wet season in California, they are beautiful to behold because the water helps new leaves and flowers form on the trees. In the other three seasons of the year, I hate those trees because all those beautiful leaves, flower petals, and seed pods I once admired fall and clutter the street and sidewalk. Some days and even months with lack of rain, there is so much tree debris you can't see the pavement or the sidewalks. These trees are why I have developed a daily routine of street and sidewalk sweeping. Magnolia tree leaves are a struggle to gather with a broom because their leaves are glossy and slippery on one side and leathery brown on the underside. And the seed pods! I have tripped on them a few times and even practiced broom hockey shooting skills. I've never gotten a straight shot! Yet during the pandemic the daily routine of street sweeping of their debris has gotten me outside the gates of our house and consequently re-engaged with the neighborhood and world—connecting me with others I probably would never have known before.

Outside the gates one day, Fr. Joe, who also lives at Sonnino Mission House, approached me and said, “Hey, street sweeper, you are really devout in your chores.” To which I responded: “Well, it has to be done. It can rapidly get quite dirty out here. But I like the benefits. I've become a familiar face in the neighborhood now. I know our neighbors now. That didn't happen when I lived here before!” Joe responded: “You should write about that—street sweeping. People are longing for connection, even a brief one.”

Even though we were still masked, sanitizing everything, and practicing social distancing, despite obstacles I began my morning routine. For brief moments in time, people would walk by greeting me with a “Good morning,” and “How are you?” They would also comment on those trees! I remember one woman stopped and asked me about our insignia mounted on the gate, inquiring about its meaning: cup, cross, and circle. Another woman was walking with her grandchild who had a fascination with brooms. He, with a friendly and masked assist from me, helped me sweep and contain some leaves, leaving with a smile on his face, service accompli! A jogger dad pushed his newborn child in a jogging stroller, zooming by with his morning salutation. More people passed; some looking for help and work.



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Two relationships developed over time. The first year of the pandemic a man struggling with colon cancer, Gordon, walked by daily. The last time I saw him he had shared that his cancer had returned. I haven't seen him since. Then there is Ray, a teacher of disabled children. Ray would stop by for small chats at the conclusion of his morning walks. His favorite question to me was, "What is it that you do all day?" I enjoyed answering that question. In time he began asking more spiritual questions but only wanted short answers, so I fine-tuned my preaching skills to develop 30-second sermons while he whizzed on by. However, when the leaves stopped and darkness started to rule the morning in fall and winter, Ray became like the next-door neighbor "Wilson" on Tim Allen's "Home Improvement" series. Because he no longer saw me in the morning, he would pass by the house in the afternoon or evening.

One evening after dinner, fellow Sonnino Mission House residents Fr. James and Fr. Joe were outside when a voice started shouting at them from the other side of the fence. Startled, Joe went flying into his apartment and James entered my door to tell me what was going on. I went outside and the voice said, "Isn't this a house of priests? I need spiritual help. I'm

afraid I scared you all off!" I recognized the voice and responded, "Ray, is that you?"

A few days later as we three sat around the fire pit talking, a head appeared over the fence—like Wilson's—and I spoke, "Ray, let me open the gate and let you in this time!" He sat with us, connected with us, and told us stories. A consequence of the pandemic is that we are all longing for connection. Outside the gates, street sweeping led to new connections and relationships.

In 2021 as we learned how to live safely in the pandemic, in small ways we began to reconnect and re-engage with the neighborhoods and world around us. It started in small ways; for me it was street sweeping. Martin Luther King, Jr. reflected on street sweepers in his "I have a Dream" speech: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well."*

Here is what I have learned in the past two years during the pandemic and I offer this to us all. Engagement and connection with others start in

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small ways and then build. It's in these small ways that heaven and earth pause to celebrate our relationships with the people around us and our world. The grace of the pandemic was that even in loss and isolation, the Spirit propels us outside the gate to consciously choose re-engagement. Pastoral plans, statutes, and normative texts—albeit necessary—can be lifeless to a new province unless we are willing to celebrate the small, ordinary, everyday ways we are in relationship with each other.

Over the past few years, countless people have passed by me during my morning routine. I connected with some and with others I didn't. My original intention was to sweep the sidewalk and street.

The unexpected gift I received was familiarity and relationship, connection with those who live in my neighborhood. How can each of us open the gate and in small ways welcome each other and learn to be in relationship, to listen to the stories people share, and open our hearts to share our own story even if it's from a six-foot distance?

I wonder as we reflect on our own morning routines what other talents we may find that move us to go outside the gates and find the surprises in relating to one another. The street sweeper in me rejoices with heaven and earth about our re-engagement. I now love those magnolia trees rather than hate them. Isn't that great? ✚

A Memory

by Mary Kevin Rooney, A.S.C.

Twenty-some years ago I was ministering in our ASC Spirituality Center in Rome, where our team provided prayer days, workshops, and retreats for all who shared our spirituality. One of those offerings was a retreat for English-speaking Adorers, with Fr. Denny Kinderman and myself providing the input. The closing prayer experience was a liturgical dance that Denny and I prayed, with bare feet and open heart, as we passed a red chalice back and forth in adoration and a call to service.

The retreat ended on the feast of Corpus Christi in Acuto, Italy where the people had prepared the streets for the traditional procession of the Blessed Sacrament. It was Denny who was honored to carry the monstrance over the flowered-petaled streets as we made our pilgrimage through the town.

This memory came back to me today as I read Denny's story (from last month's PBMR column) of presence to James E. Walker. Two things struck me in his reflection: the need to remove your shoes to be searched before entering the prison, and James Walker's middle name: Emmanuel. After that Acuto pilgrimage of carrying the Blessed Sacrament, Denny and I were sharing about the experience, and his remark was: "I wanted to take off my shoes."

How similar was the prison experience where indeed he had to remove his shoes in preparation for visiting J. EMMANUEL Walker! Same procession of loving service to God-with-us in another form. Blessed are those who see with new eyes!



Sr. Mary Kevin Rooney, A.S.C.

As I read the other articles and the search for the new expression of the New Creation, I recognized a certain impasse in coming to agreement on that new way of being Missionaries of the Precious Blood. As Connie Fitzgerald, O.C.D. reminds us: an impasse means you can't go forward and you can't go back! However long this moment might be, it calls for bare feet, a passing of the Chalice back and forth in adoration and service, and an open-hearted waiting for the grace of "letting go" into God's time-table. Eventually our prisons will open to the new and we will worship in Freedom and Truth! ✚



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New Year, New Dance

by Vicky Otto, Companions Director

I have never been a big fan of the hype regarding all the celebrations that happen at the beginning of a new year. The parties on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are pleasant, but for me they are somewhat anticlimactic, especially after the Christmas celebrations. Another tradition that I am not a fan of is the idea of making resolutions for the New Year. The *New York Post* once reported that almost all resolutions are broken within the first two weeks of January. Yet we continue to make resolutions year after year. As we look to 2022, I would like to propose an alternative.

Rather than setting ourselves up for things we "should" do, why not give ourselves permission to dream, to revel in the positive rather than the negative aspects of life. I know, the last few years have been tough! It is hard to see positive when we are living in a pandemic, people are dying every day, and every time we turn around there is another disaster. Perhaps this year we need to embrace the grace-filled moments that occur each day. Fr. Daniel O'Leary wrote, "When grace enters," wrote W. H. Auden, "humans must dance..." Grace enters when I make the choice each morning to live freely today. When I begin to believe

that God is holding on to me, no matter what—I want to dance.” He continued that when we are able to hold off those dark thoughts we have “regained our divine energy.” He concludes, “We want to dance when we feel a passion for the possible, when we hear the music of hope.”

Fr. O’Leary’s quote is posted on a bulletin board in my office as a reminder that there is more to life, especially if we embrace grace and possibility. I was reminded of the grace-filled moments that occurred in 2014 when Companions gathered across the country to dream about what they would like for the future of the Movement. Our vision statement *Gather Send* was born, and that has guided our efforts over the last seven years. In 2022, Companions will again dream about their future in the community as *Gather Send* is updated to reflect our new hopes for the future, especially in light of becoming one province in the United States.

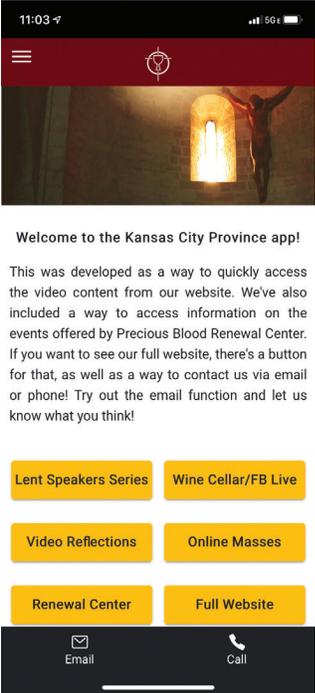
As we begin 2022, our community is facing many changes and new realities. The coming together of the provinces has focused mostly on the technical issues—which are important, but only piece of the picture. Because of this technical focus, many people in our community regard coming together with a sense of dread, malaise, or lack of energy. When I speak to Companions and members across the United States, most sentences begin with, “Who is going to do it?” “We are dying off,” “No one cares,” or “Just let me do my thing.”

We are going to come together. Are we going to sit on different sides of the room or are we going to reengage our divine energy and enter into the dance? As we enter into this new year that is going to be so important, we need to change our mindset to embrace grace and the spirit. Can we change our mindset to other ideas, like, for example, what can we do to bring new energy and vitality to our community? How can we reengage with the world around us that is so desperately in need of reconciliation and mercy? How can we look past, “This is the way we’ve always done it,” to creatively and passionately embrace new ways that we help each other embrace those moments of grace? I don’t know what the answers are, but I do know that one of the things that drew me to this community was that each person I met had a fierce passion for our

charism and a desire to share the gift of Precious Blood spirituality with everyone. Let’s begin the new year with the commitment that we are going to embrace the passion that brought us together.

Good music and dancing require preparation. As a community we have done some of that; we have written the basic beats of the music and are beginning to feel the rhythm. Dancing also requires courage, the courage to enter into movement not worrying about how people might interpret what we are doing. The Spirit, fueled by the divine energy that comes when we recognize we are held by God, gives us courage. It doesn’t matter if you think you are a good dancer or cringe at the idea of dance. My hope for the new year is that each of us may open our hearts to Emmanuel, God with us. When we have the courage to do that, the music of grace will come forth and we will be filled with the divine energy. May we take the leap in 2022, because as Fr. O’Leary concludes, “The time to dance is now.” ✠

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Doreen Dodgen-Magee (right) with Latrice (a resident of PBMR's Sankofa Home – transformational living initiative for women and children)

The Power of Human Connection Reaches Beyond

by Dr. Doreen Dodgen-Magee, a friend of PBMR

In March of 2020, as the world was shutting down due to COVID-19, I received a call from Sr. Donna Liette. We had met four years earlier when I had sought her out on a trip to Chicago. So many of the mothers I had met doing gun violence prevention work had talked about her as being the person who changed everything for them after losing a child to a gun or the prison system. We hadn't spoken in a while, so when the phone flashed her name, I answered excitedly.

Sr. Donna, however, was not excited. She was heart-heavy and concerned. How would she be able to support the mothers, grandmothers, and other women when everyone was shut up at home? How would they weather this frightening time without the help and resources that their Mother's Healing Circles provide?

Healing circles, for this community, are a lifeline. Many who sit within them refer to them as "therapy I don't have to pay for." For sixty minutes, the circle creates a space where everyone is radically welcome, exactly as they are, to offer what they have and take what they need from a group of others who can uniquely understand their struggles. However, these places required physical presence and shared space, two things that the pandemic rendered unavailable.

As Donna shared stories about the women I'd met in circle a few years earlier, I began to imagine what their experience during quarantine might be like. Cramped quarters with children and grandchildren now confined to home all day. Loss of access to social services and places like PBMR that provided them with emotional and physical support. My heart, knit to Donna's, felt heavy. As we bore witness to the reality of

these women, it became imperative that we find a way to offer them space within their precious circles.

Zoom became our answer. Would it work, we wondered? Could we create a safe and emotionally powerful space in a digital platform? Would the lack of reliable internet and digital devices make it too difficult for people to join, adding discouragement to injury? We weren't sure, but we decided to try.

Our first circle was so powerful that the women asked for weekly circles, and every single time we were gob-smacked by the synergy and love that found us. Sometimes it took people half the time just to get into the Zoom session, but even then they would cheer at having "made it."

Early on a mother shared through angry clenched teeth and sad guttural sobs that her incarcerated son had died of COVID in prison. Other weeks women spoke of the reality of being front line workers in a world where not everyone respected them, wore masks, or offered kindness. Over time, people made their way into the calls with no help at all and the bonds became thick and the circle wide. Some women dressed up every week, donning incredible hats, lipstick, and showing off home-done manicures. Others called in from bed. Everyone was welcome just as they were, and we became a sisterhood sitting together through an unbelievable time. These women became my teachers; their wisdom and tenacity are astounding.

Eventually we dropped to meeting every other week and then every month, but we continued meeting all the way through the pandemic. As the world began to open up in the summer of 2021 I told the group that as soon as it was safe to travel, my first trip (from my home in Portland, Oregon) would be to the first in-person circle in Chicago. I longed to meet these important teachers of mine in person. Then last month it finally happened.

As the mothers trickled into the space, my heart began to pound. When the mother who had lost her son to COVID early on arrived, my tears began to flow. While we had never been together in person, I had felt her agony over her son's death and the resulting rift in her family with real intensity for months. We hugged,



Doreen Dodgen-Magee, Latrice, and Sr. Donna Liette, c.p.p.s.

stepped back, and looked at each other, then hugged some more. She told me how she's found healing in the last few months, how she became a circle keeper herself, and how she sees ways in which her family was in danger of horrifically falling out after her son's death. She shared that as a result of the training and ensuing insights, she had worked diligently and intentionally to address these wounds and make efforts to bring her family back together. She shared that they'd be having their first Thanksgiving together in years, then told me all the details of who was bringing what. We shared like we'd known each other for a thousand years and shared recipes regularly.

The power of human connection cannot be taken for granted. When image bearers (and who isn't one?!) come together intending to support and care for each other, not even thousands of miles or undependable internet can keep it from happening. While the costs of the pandemic were many, the mothers from PBMR found silver linings every week, then offered them to each other as they relished in the goodness of giving love, hope, peace, and every so often an incredible gospel song, to the sisters they found in a checkerboard of faces on screens of all sizes.

Doreen Dodgen-Magee lives and works as a Clinical Therapist in Portland, Oregon. She is a committed friend and supporter of PBMR. ♠



PBSI's board of directors, clockwise from top: Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S. (black jacket); Sr. Karen Elliott, C.P.P.S. (Dayton) (red cardigan, black collar); Sr. Maria Hughes, A.S.C. (magenta jacket, floral scarf); Phil Hartke of the CPPS Sisters of Dayton's financial staff (white-red-blue plaid shirt); Sr. Joni Belford, C.P.P.S. (O'Fallon) (gray jacket); Sr. Diana Rawlings, A.S.C. (pink polo); and Fr. Dave Kelly, C.P.P.S. (black shirt).

PBLC Announces Spirituality Institute With CTU

A joint message from the Precious Blood Leadership Conference

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood in the United States are partnering with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ and the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton, Ohio to create the Precious Blood Spirituality Institute (PBSI).

The PBSI will promote Precious Blood spirituality to the world, coordinating retreats and workshops, and offering volunteer opportunities where the spirituality is lived out.

“The institute will help us bring our spirituality to the world, at a time when the world sorely needs it,” said Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Cincinnati Provincial Director Fr. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S.

The PBSI will also offer resources, teaching, and guidance to the members and lay associates of its partner congregations, helping them strengthen their own sense of Precious Blood spirituality and how it influences and informs their missions and ministry sites. The PBSI will work with each collaborating congregation to ask how the PBSI can best serve it.

The PBSI will also partner with Catholic Theological Union in Chicago to offer courses and support academic research and writing about Precious Blood spirituality. This partnership will be called The Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S. Institute for Precious Blood Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union (in brief, the Schreiter Institute).

The work of the PBSI will be guided by a board, the members of which will be appointed by the sponsoring congregations. Two directors—one for the PBSI, the other to further the PBSI's work at CTU—are being sought to carry out the mission of the Institute. Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S. has been appointed interim director of the PBSI to begin the work of the Institute.

The Missionaries, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, and the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Dayton have committed to support the PBSI financially, while the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri are collaborating in the project.

The dual approach of academic research and teaching, along with outreach such as workshops, retreats, and lived experiences in Precious Blood spirituality, is an important and innovative component.

A working group of members from each of the congregations has been helping the project take shape, envisioning ways that it can carry the Precious Blood message to the world.

Examples of Precious Blood spirituality lived out might be workshops and training led by the PBSI; circle training; and immersion experiences at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation in Chicago or at the border, for example. The PBSI could seek out partners who would offer volunteer ministerial placements. These opportunities would be offered to members and lay associates of the congregations, as well as to those who have no prior knowledge of the Precious Blood family or its spirituality.

While the partnership with CTU will allow the PBSI to introduce Precious Blood spirituality to a wide-ranging group of students and scholars, it may also undertake programs and partnerships at other institutions and ministry sites, such as the ASC's Newman University in Wichita or the Missionaries' Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Missouri.

It is a way for the congregations to ensure that the treasure of their Precious Blood charism will continue into the future, carried by a new generation. "Somehow, we have to put this message out. Our spirituality is really needed in the world today,"

said Fr. David Kelly, C.P.P.S., a member of the working group that helped make the congregations' vision of the Institute come alive. "How do we promote our Precious Blood spirituality in and among our own membership—among the Missionaries, the Adorers, the Precious Blood sisters—and also in the world in which we live and serve?"

Precious Blood spirituality is lived out in many ways. For some, it is discovered through the Eucharist. Others see it in social justice issues. Other hallmarks are hospitality and a willingness to accompany God's suffering people, as Jesus did. Some use it as a way to bring God's reconciling love to the world.

For Sr. Maria Hughes, A.S.C. the PBSI will show the many facets of Precious Blood spirituality to people eager to explore it. "It's my hope that this board and the executive director will use this great opportunity to work with all of our congregations and pull out the best of who we are and who we can be," to share that with the world, said Sr. Maria, who is part of the working group.

The Precious Blood Sisters of Dayton, Ohio have placed a priority on spreading their spirituality beyond their own membership, said Sr. Donna Liette, C.P.P.S., who served on the working group. "The important part in the first years of the Institute will be hearing from many voices: what is Precious Blood spirituality to you, and how can the institute bring this to the world?" she said. "Our founder Mother Brunner so hoped that her good work would continue long after she was gone. We hope the Institute will ensure that."

The PBSI at CTU (The Schreiter Institute) is also seen as a way to continue the work and ministry of the late Fr. Robert Schreiter, C.P.P.S., who spent his life as a priest at CTU and helped to articulate Precious Blood spirituality to generations of ministers of the Church. He also traveled around the world to help people suffering from civil and personal trauma see that they could find healing through the Blood of Christ.

Fr. Schreiter, who died in June 2021, was equally deft at both components: academic research, writing, and teaching, and living out what he learned and taught. It

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Human Development Fund Updates

Dear Fr. Joseph Uecker and the Human Development Fund Committee,

Our mission of Promoting Education & Empowering Persons, Ai Tam Educational Organization has chosen to serve the underserved clients (students, families, and communities). Ai Tam education services enable underserved students who live in remote areas of Viet Nam to continue their schooling to complete college or vocational training programs. In thirteen years, many college students graduated obtaining decent jobs as well as students accomplishing vocational training and getting a steady job. Despite the education programs resulting with positive outcomes, Ai Tam still has worked with families to manage financial hardships that affected students. Through Ai Tam, the education programs are available to bridge these underserved students' hopes to achieve a better life in the future. As we stated in our HDF grant request, Ai Tam education programs meet the education mission in various ways. Ai Tam provides for students the funding for textbooks, school supplies, uniforms, sports for school, and other accessed school fees. Specifically, the HDF grant award funded the education services for 31 students out of 125 students.

In July 2021, Ai Tam Educational Organization received the check of \$10,000 from your Human Development Fund to finance the education program for underserved students who live in various remote provinces of Rach Trang, Tan Thanh, Song Phan, Tan Chau, Xuan Thien and Giang Lam communities in Viet Nam. In this letter, I include our gratitude for your generous support of the education programs. Your sharing shows how our education programs have been serving the needs of many underserved people in Viet Nam.

In the grant of 2021, Ai Tam requested \$10,000 to provide education funds for 31 out of total 125 underserved students from middle school through high school and college for the school year 2021-2022. Ai Tam education program provided education opportunities for underserved students and families to strongly affirm them that the only way to eradicate poverty and systemic changes at all levels is through education. However, the path of education is a challenge for both providers and clients. Clients depend on their determination skills to accomplish their studying goal. As the providers, our long-term commitment is to stabilize funding for these students who are in education programs. Our hope is to ethically build sustainable communities, strengthen families, and to empower persons by fostering self-confidence and promoting individual humanity. The COVID-19 pandemic has been a terrible crisis in Viet Nam at this point. The students and families and communities have horribly faced food scarcity, serious lockdowns, and have been deprived of access to healthcare.

May God continue to abundantly bless you and your mission with a hundredfold of talents as you generously share with God's people.

With Gratitude and Hope,

Sr. Hang Pham, A.S.C.
Board Member

Dear Fr. Joseph Uecker and the Human Development Fund Committee,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the HDF committee on behalf of Radio Mwangaza FM and all the C.P.P.S. Missionaries in Tanzania for extending your love to us and helping with the effectiveness in our endeavors.

Radio Mwangaza FM is a private radio station established in 2002 with the aim of fostering peace, love, and harmony among the audience through the dissemination of the Gospel and social values, and so it is popularly known as “the Voice of Peace and Love.” The main challenge currently is an increase of the running cost. This has been stimulated by the increase of government taxes corrected by different government organizations. Funding of this project enables us to purchase the required radio equipment so as to replace the old ones.

It is our hope that after we have completed installing the new radio equipment it will manage to bring about a positive impact in our broadcasting through improved transmission and increased coverage area. Trust will be built among our listeners and will consequently attract business advertisers and ensure sustainability of our station.

May the good Lord continue showering his blessings upon each of you that you continue being his mouth, hands, and feet so that the lives of many can be more and more touched and saved.

Yours in the blood of Christ,

Fr. Raymond Deonatus Kaele, C.P.P.S.
Director, Radio Mwangaza FM

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is hoped that the PBSI will have the same impact, but in its own way. “We looked at how we could ensure that the work of Fr. Schreiter was not lost or ended,” Fr. Kelly said. “We felt it would be good to have an academic component, breaking open the spirituality from study, which then could lead to living it out in real time and real places. That’s what Fr. Schreiter did. He took the theology and made it accessible to us—and we all benefited from that. He helped us really see the spirituality of the Precious Blood as something we lived out in our daily work.”

CTU is looking forward to the collaboration, said Sr. Barbara Reid, O.P., CTU president. “CTU is thrilled to partner with the Precious Blood communities to establish a new institute at CTU that promotes their charism of reconciliation and peace-building,” Sr. Barbara said. “Named for our beloved colleague Fr. Robert J. Schreiter, C.P.P.S., of blessed

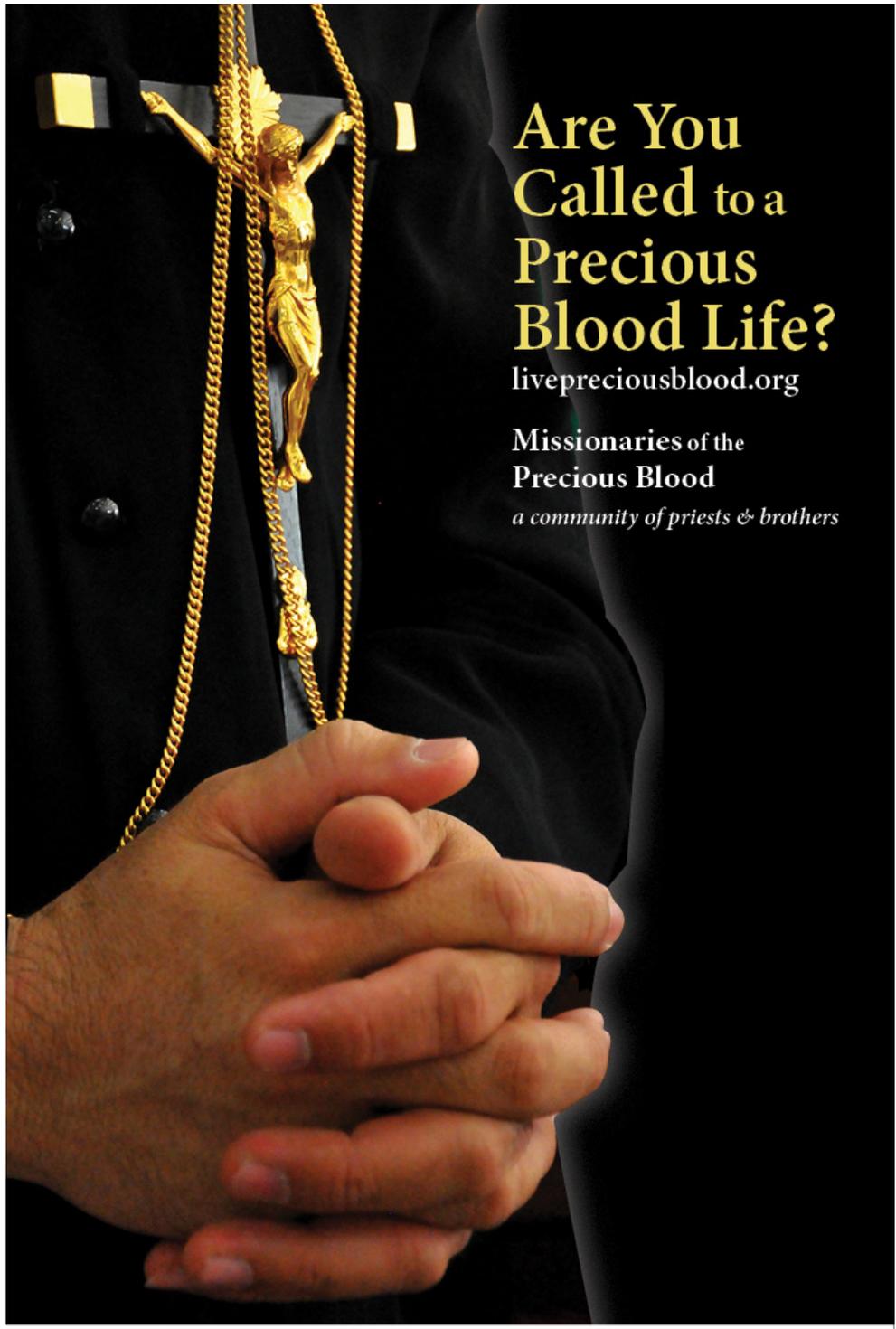
memory, this institute will ensure that his groundbreaking work, and that of his brothers and sisters, will endure into perpetuity and imbue our students, and all who attend the PBSI programs, with his legacy of mission and ministry, most especially needed in the world today.”

The working group that brought the project to this point consists of Sr. Joni Belford, C.P.P.S.; Sr. Maria Hughes, A.S.C.; Sr. Donna Liette, C.P.P.S.; Fr. David Kelly, C.P.P.S.; and Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S.

“One of the hopes of the PBSI is that we can expand the sharing of our spirituality beyond our congregations,” said Fr. Nordenbrock. “This will help us with evangelization. How do we go outside of ourselves in sharing this message? That’s our hope: sharing our spirituality beyond the current boundaries that we have. In this way, we hope to be good stewards of the spirituality that the Church has given to us.” ✠

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