



# CrossRoads: Bulletin of the Passionist Alumni Association

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## This is the Reunion Issue

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bulletin to you?**

**[Click here to register.](#)**

# We Await You in Detroit

*Some chances in life are priceless.  
This one renews friendships and sparks new ones.*

## A POWERFUL REUNION IN 2019



You may have disappeared from the Passionist family at age 16 or 26 or even 60. Or you may remain in full regalia and ardent mission.

Some of us are reappearing in the Passionist Alumni Association after full lifetimes.

So people really want to see you in August at the [alumni reunion](#).

Think of the power and the joy of this. Is there a chance you'll run into the guy you lost 100 holy cards to over a pool game in the rec room? He might not remember you. Or the game. But you will be shocked to find his career mirrored your own. Will he be there?

The organ player became the Passionist Provincial. You're not surprised, right?

The classmate with the ham radio outfit is a world-class expert on solar energy. Big deal, right? Sure, but the rest of us want to hear YOUR story.

We really want you there, if you can make it.

If you register early, your name on the list may motivate an old friend or classmate to attend.

Are you the last surviving member of your class? Have you been in touch with absolutely nobody for fifty years? Then expect to befriend members who sat in the same classrooms. Someone will remember your all-time favorite professor. Another chanted from your autographed bench copy of *Liber Usualis*.

This is a powerful happening – not unlike finding a birth parent after decades of searching. Not unlike reliving the greatest team win ever. Old friendships will recharge. New ones will gift you cheer.

## A Message from Carl Middleton to Vowed Passionist Alumni

Vowed Passionists are invited and needed to participate in the **Passionist Alumni Association "All Class" Reunion**. Once upon a time we rowed similar boats as classmates and friends, being formed in the Passionist Charism and way of life. I was a professed Passionist for three years and fondly remember my classmates. You are invited to make the journey and be with us to share your stories, to pray, learn and laugh, to inspire as well as be inspired. Our reunion is an opportunity for us to reconnect and renew important classmate relationships and friendships of the past and for the future. We appreciate the fact that not all of you are able to travel due to physical infirmities or have previous ministerial assignments. For those not able to travel to Detroit please remember the reunion and its participants in your thoughts and prayers and you most assuredly will be remembered in ours. Hopefully, we will see some of you in Detroit. (Carl Middleton professed 1965 to 1968).



## Registration is Easy

Richard Padilla (Warrenton class of 1967) is our registrar.  
Mail your form and check directly to him.

Print and fill out **the form**. Mail it to him with your check for \$98 per person for meals, snacks, materials. Add \$60 per night if you want to stay in the Retreat Center. See **the form** for other options.

Reach out with questions to Richard at 915-491-8970 or [padilla@utep.edu](mailto:padilla@utep.edu). You can ask him about assistance available to help you cover expenses thanks to generous donations we have received.

Bonus Info: Richard is highly conversant in fishing and golf.



# The Program



## Reunion Schedule

All activities are at the Retreat Center

### Friday - August 16

- 4:00 p.m. Check-in
- 6:00-10:00 p.m. Opening Meet & Greet, sandwiches, snacks, beverages

### Saturday – August 17

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Mass Chapel
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Breakout #1 “Brainstorming the Future” with Paul Schulte
- 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Breakout #2 “What Now, God” with Fr. Bob Weiss
- 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Breakout #3 “What’s Up with the Passionists Now and in the Future?” with Fr. John Schork
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Personal Time
- 6:30 p.m. Gaudeamus Banquet

### Sunday – August 18

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Mass Chapel
- Depart after Mass

# The Program *cont'd*

## A word about donations....

On the registration form, you will notice an additional line to add a donation to your registration fee. Each time we've had a reunion, attendees have been very generous and added some extra dollars to their fees. That has allowed us to provide financial assistance to some of our brothers so they could attend the reunion. Any remaining funds would go to the Province. Donations are always optional. They will be used charitably and wisely.

## If you have accommodation or dietary considerations:

Please contact Carl DeLage at [cdelageo852@gmail.com](mailto:cdelageo852@gmail.com), or 313-550-8196.

## Download and print the registration form:

[Alumni Reunion Registration Form](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

# Who is Coming?

Here are the very first to officially register. Will **YOU** be next? Who do you hope will come?  
If you need an email address or phone number to invite someone, check with Don Noltemeyer at [dfnoltemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:dfnoltemeyer@gmail.com), 303-565-7740.

Don and Susan Noltemeyer  
Richard Padilla  
Ray Williams  
Daniel Stehly and guest  
Jim and Pat Bueter  
Gus Wilhemy  
Rev. Joe Moons CP  
Paul and Sue Schulte  
Bill and Linda Crimmins  
Mike Owens  
Mike Kruger  
Bob Duffield  
Patrick Hansen  
Jim and Claire Williams  
Jim Ryan and guest  
Bro. Jim Griffith CP

Jim Byrne  
Bill Ryback  
Mike Clark  
Carl DeLage  
Charlie Phillips  
Jim Grad  
Jack Dermody & Guest  
Phillip Bujnowski  
Michael Mahoney  
Phil Jackson  
Mark Brockman  
Carl Middleton  
Claire Smith  
Ray Alonzo  
Rev. John Schork CP  
Rev. Bob Weiss CP  
Tom McGee



# The Breakout Sessions

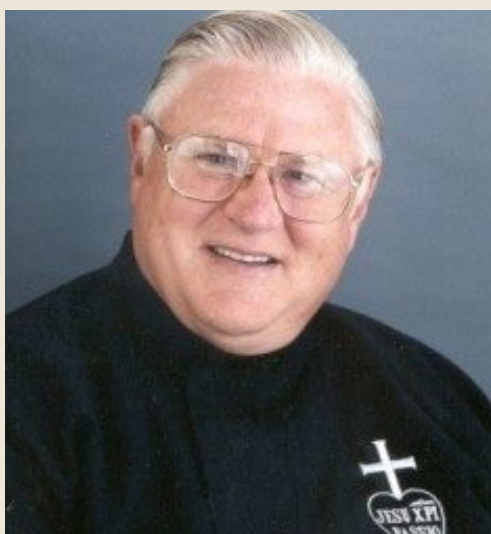


## ENGAGING. THOUGHTFUL. FUN.

That's how we hope you'll feel about the Breakout Sessions on Saturday morning. Here they are, as planned:

### Breakout Session #1

“Brainstorming the Future” with Paul Schulte. Join the communication team as we look into the future of the Passionist Formation Alumni Association. What is next? How much is enough, or is the sky the limit? Help answer these questions and others as we process through a fast-paced brainstorming and priority session. Get your ideas out on the floor for consideration and know that they will be part of a follow-up survey to all the alumni following the reunion. After that, look for a full report and a strategy for implementing the suggestions in the months ahead. Let's figure this out together!



### Breakout Session #2

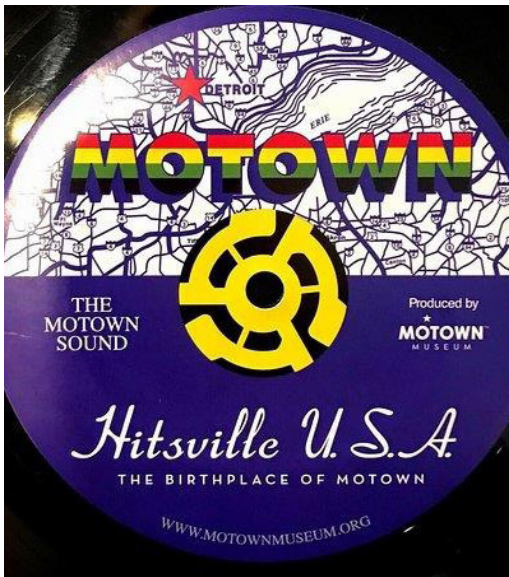
“What Now, God?” with Fr. Bob Weiss. Fr. Bob will address the multitudes of paths our brothers have taken over 50 years and discuss where they find themselves spiritually. Fr. Bob's ability to offer spiritual pathways and prayer to men and women have been highlights of his mission homilies for many years.



### Breakout Session #3

“What's Up with the Passionists Now and in the Future?” with Fr. John Schork. As Provincial Fr. Joe Moons' 'aide de camp,' Fr. John has a unique understanding of the Passionist Congregation at this moment in time and how it may move into the future. Topics include communities, ministries, collaboration at many levels, the media, aging and health concerns, vocations, finances, and the protection of children. Fr. John's bond as 'one of us' will make his sessions highly approachable for you, brothers, as well as for your spouses.

# Detroit Offers Great Side Trips



## VERY COOL OPTIONAL CHOICES ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday afternoon offers personal time to venture out to a primo attraction in the land of the Detroit Tigers. All listed venues can be savored to the max by dinnertime.

No pressure for adventure, of course. Choose also to stay at the Retreat Center. Tell stories with friends. Relax. Or take a nap.

Thanks to Carl DeLage and Jim Beuter for the recon on these Saturday happenings.

### SENSATIONAL VENUES

1. The Motown Museum -- Hitsville USA! Great low fee of \$8 if you respond by June 7. See article below.
2. Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, Ford F150 Plant, Automobile Hall of Fame. See article below.
3. **Belle Isle**. An island off Detroit's main drag, Jefferson Avenue. Find there a world-famous aquarium, pleasant drives and walk-ways. The Grand Prix is run on that island.
4. **Windsor, Ontario in Canada**. You need a passport for this. Cross the border by tunnel or bridge and pay a toll each way. It is truly like stepping into a European city.
5. **Campus Martius**, Detroit's award-winning gathering place. Expect lots of exciting activity on the weekend.





# To Visit the Motown Museum

## ACTION NEEDED NOW:

The Motown Museum has a fabulous group rate, but we need your commitment right away. And the commitment costs nothing for now. Let Jim Bueter know by phone or email. 360-258-1212 or [jbueter75@gmail.com](mailto:jbueter75@gmail.com).

Join some of your brothers on a visit to a place that means something to many of us who grew up in the 50s and 60s: Motown (Hitsville USA)! Yes, Detroit is the home of the Motown Sound, and the Motown Museum provides an opportunity to re-live some of those glory days. And we can do it on that Saturday afternoon of our reunion. Our late brother Mike Schweizer was at the Museum a while back and had a chance to tickle the ivories that Smokey Robinson used to compose on. He said it sent shivers down his spine. And Mike was a real music aficionado as we all know.

The Museum will offer us a guided tour at the group rate (group SENIOR rate of \$8/person). But we need to let them know NOW if we are interested. Saturdays are their busiest day of the week, and August is one of the busiest months of the year.

We need a group of at least 20 people, and we need to know by JUNE 7.

Don't send in any money now. We will collect it on day of the tour. We just need your commitment that you will plan to attend.

Here are the details:

WHERE: Motown Museum ("Hitsville USA") <https://www.motownmuseum.org/>

WHEN: Saturday, Aug 17, 2pm-4pm

WHAT: Need commitments by June 7 to save the group reservation and rates (\$8 seniors). Don't send money now. Just names, number of people.

WHO: Let Jim Bueter know by phone or email: 360-258-1212 or [jbueter75@gmail.com](mailto:jbueter75@gmail.com).





# Greenfield Village and Everything Automobile

## GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND EVERYTHING AUTOMOBILE!

You won't believe what is close together...

[Greenfield Village](#) is a walk back in history, real homes transported to Dearborn. Walk through homes populated with folks cooking meals. Spend the afternoon either walking or being driven in Model T's. But if it rains, you may opt to visit a massive museum...

The [Henry Ford Museum](#) lies adjacent to the village.

Go for a guided tour of the Ford F150 Plant. If they are working that Saturday building trucks, you will see the process from start to finish.

Across the parking lot is the Automotive Hall of Fame.

Click on the underlined links above for prices and other information. Parking is plentiful and easy.



# The Retreat Center Itself

Passionist retreat houses are famously beautiful and St. Paul's in Detroit is no exception. [Click here](#) and wander around the website.

Reunion Director Carl DeLage wandered around the facility last week and came up with the following features of St. Paul's:

1. The chapel is elegant and peaceful with generous space for us and for our meditative tastes.
2. There is a roomy lobby with a fireplace and comfortable couches. The windows look out upon the courtyard.
3. The outside grounds showcase gardens and statuary - ideal for contemplation and quiet conversations.
4. The corridors are wide.
5. Multi-purpose rooms are abundant: two gathering rooms for large groups, smaller rooms for breakouts, a library and assembly room with plenty of chairs for meetings, and a staff room for organizers to keep their stuff out of the way.
6. Enjoy wireless connectivity for PCs and MACs.
7. Their multimedia equipment will be sufficient for our needs.
8. The dining room seats eight to a table. Food is served buffet style and special dietary folks eat first to prevent accidental contamination.
9. And stairs? There are none.
10. Count 84 guest rooms with bath, shower and linens. 33 of the rooms have support bars in the bathrooms. One room is fully wheelchair-accessible for both room and bathroom.

