

We Band of Brothers

JESUIT FAMILY TIES AND FAMILY TREES IN THE CHICAGO PROVINCE



We Band of Brothers was published by the Patna Province Jesuits on the 75th anniversary of the formal arrival of the Society of Jesus in Patna. The book, a collection of sketches of Patna Jesuits, is dedicated to “our Jesuit brothers who have gone before us. They have left a wealth of memories, but the example of what they did and, above all, who they were is paramount. To them, therefore, this volume is gratefully and affectionately dedicated.”

Next year the Chicago Province will celebrate its 75th anniversary. In the last 74 years, the “band of brothers” who are and were the Chicago Province has served in a variety of apostolates both in this country and abroad. A fascinating sidelight on this “band of brothers,” though, is the number of Jesuits in the province who have been brothers —or cousins, nephews, or uncles— by birth as well as in religious life.

This year’s ordination of Frs. Bill and Tom O’Brien, SJ, nephew and uncle, seemed an appropriate occasion to celebrate this literal band of brothers, cousins, nephews, and uncles in the Chicago Province.

The O’Brien

Fr. Bill O’Brien, SJ

Theology student at Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (CA)

Fr. Tom O’Brien, SJ

Associate pastor at Holy Rosary/St. John Parish (Columbus, OH)



“It was very meaningful to see my brother and uncle, celebrating such a significant point in their lives together,” said Colleen O’Brien. The two new O’Brien priests are pictured here during their ordination on June 8, 2002, at Madonna della Strada in Chicago.



Bob and his brother Jim

The Dressmans

Fr. Bob Dressman, SJ

Retreat director at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL)

Fr. Jim Dressman, SJ

Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Storrs, CT)



“My mother’s friends used to ask her, ‘What did you do to end up with two sons who are Jesuits?’ Her standard answer was, ‘I didn’t do much at all,’ but that wasn’t really the case. Jim and I had wonderful parents. We had a great family background and our parents, I think, were proud to have two Jesuits,” says Bob Dressman (right), whose younger brother Jim joined the Society six years after he did.





“It wasn’t us. It was our parents. Our vocations were an extension of the way our parents were. They were generous people and they were happy people. I think we connected happiness and generosity early on and we saw that same deep satisfaction with life in the Jesuits too,” says Matt Creighton, SJ (right), pictured here with his brother, Jim, at Milford Novitiate in 1948.



Matt (left) and Jim, outside a motel in the Wisconsin Dells

The Creightons

Fr. Jim Creighton, SJ

Director of Clinical Pastoral Education program at Loyola University Medical Center (Maywood, IL)

Fr. Matt Creighton, SJ

Professor emeritus at Loyola University Chicago

Family Members in the Chicago Province Society of Jesus

- Jack Beckman, SJ, Bob Beckman, SJ (brothers)
- Hank Chamberlain, SJ, Frank Chamberlain, SJ (brothers)
- Matt Creighton, SJ, Jim Creighton, SJ (brothers)
- Bob Dressman, SJ, Jim Dressman, SJ (brothers)
- Joe Dunne, SJ, Ray Dunne, SJ (brothers)
- Joe Folzenlogen, SJ, John Folzenlogen, SJ (cousins)
- Ambrose Forsthoefel, SJ, Paulinas Forsthoefel, SJ (cousins)
- Phil Grib, SJ, Bob Grib, SJ (brothers)
- Tom Hogan, SJ, Bill Hogan, SJ (brothers)
- Bill King, SJ, Jim King, SJ (brothers)
- Joseph Lane, SJ, Jack Lane, SJ, George Lane, SJ (uncles and nephew)
- Mark Link, SJ, Gerry Walling, SJ (cousins)
- Joe Mann, SJ, Nick Mann, SJ, Ed Mann, SJ (brothers)
- John Mahoney, SJ, Jim Mahoney, SJ (brothers)
- Robert Murphy, SJ, Gordon Murphy, SJ (brothers)
- Tom O’Brien, SJ, Bill O’Brien, SJ (uncle and nephew)
- Walt Peters, SJ, Joe Peters, SJ (brothers)
- John Reilly, SJ, and Bob Wild, SJ (cousins)
- Paul Robb, SJ, Denny Schmitt, SJ (cousins)
- Charles Roemer, SJ, Walter Roemer, SJ (brothers)
- Charlie Scott, SJ, Ed Scott, SJ, Francis Scott, SJ (brothers)
- Ed W. Schmidt, SJ, and Peter Breslin, SJ (cousins)
- George Steenken, SJ, Tony Kruetzjans, SJ (cousins)
- Joe Small, SJ, Jim Small, SJ (cousins)
- Andrew Welfle, SJ, Fredrick Welfle, SJ, Richard Welfle, SJ (brothers)
- Bob Willmes, SJ, Joe Willmes, SJ (brothers)



The Lanes

Fr. Joseph Lane, SJ (d. 1970)

Associate Pastor at Gesu Church (Detroit)

Fr. Jack Lane, SJ (d. 2000)

Missionary to India, Pastor at Holy Family Parish (Chicago)

Fr. George Lane, SJ

Director of Loyola Press (Chicago)



Marty Lane, one of George Lane's six younger siblings who is an assistant director of alumni relations at Loyola University Chicago, says "George is a great family person. He always calls to see what the needs in the family are. Since our mom died, he has taken over the role as the glue that holds our family together. He's a wonderful brother. Despite his responsibilities, he cares about each one of us and he will do anything he can for us, our children, and our grandchildren."



"I was blessed to have two Jesuit uncles," says George Lane, SJ, "I have vivid memories of Fr. Jack (second from right) as an apostle of joy, a singer of Irish songs, and a great, loving, genial human being." He adds that he remembers Fr. Joe (left), "as a gentle, and gracious priest." The Lane Jesuits are pictured here with their brothers, George (second from left) and James Lane.

The Manns

Fr. Joe Mann, SJ (d. 1985)

Missionary priest (Sarasam, India)

Fr. Nick Mann, SJ (d. 1967)

President St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago)

Fr. Ed Mann, SJ (d. 1977)

Provincial of Bombay Province (India)



"It would be difficult to find another man as gifted as Ed Mann (top left) was. But it would be even more difficult to find such a talented person who used his gifts so generously for the greater glory of God," says Fr. Jim Cox, SJ, the late author of *We Band of Brothers*. In truth, one wouldn't even have to look outside the Mann family to find two more examples of talented and dedicated Jesuits. Ed's brothers, Nick (bottom left), and Joe Mann (top right) also served in the Society. His brother Fred, (bottom right), was a Redemptorist father. Their parents, Anna and Matthias Mann, are pictured in the center.



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The Hogans

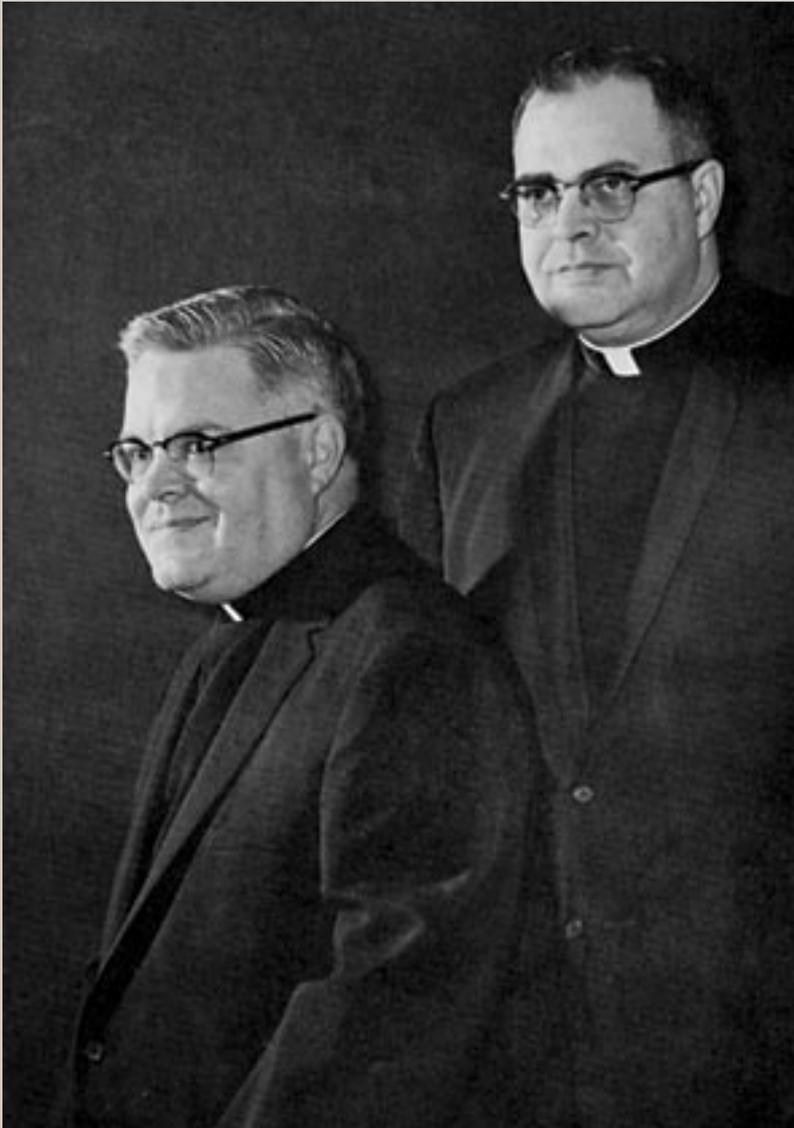
Fr. Tom Hogan, SJ (d. 1992)

Professor of medieval history at Loyola University Chicago

Fr. Bill Hogan, SJ (d. 2002)

Professor of American history at Loyola University Chicago

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“Though different in temperament and personality, Tom and Bill shared a passion for teaching. Their scholarship manifested itself in the classroom rather than in publication, and their concern to “hand on” the fruit of their study to those they taught and counseled made them not only popular with the students but earned for them also the respect and admiration of their faculty colleagues at LU,” says Daniel L. Flaherty, SJ, a lifelong friend of both.

The Folzenlogens

Fr. Joe Folzenlogen, SJ

Evangelization coordinator for Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Fr. John Folzenlogen, SJ

Science teacher at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory (Houston, TX)



Joe (left) and John, in 1965, after John’s ordination when Joe was beginning his regency at Brebeuf Jesuit Prep.



“John and I are part of a group of 48 cousins. Both of us have found our large extended family to be very supportive of our Jesuit life and ministry. For instance, we have a 94-year-old who makes the two of us one of the primary intentions of her daily prayer routine,” says Joe Folzenlogen, SJ (right), pictured here with his cousin John, of the support they have received from their extended family over the years.



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The Murphys

Fr. Robert Murphy, SJ

Associate pastor of Cathedral of Christ the King (Lexington, KY)

Fr. Gordon Murphy, SJ (d. 1972)

Principal of St. Xavier's High School (Patna, India)



"At first I didn't want to enter the Jesuits," says Bob Murphy, SJ (left), pictured here with his older brother, Gordon "because I didn't want to be little Murph and just follow in my big brother's footsteps my whole life. But during my senior retreat I realized I was turning my back on God, and I decided to enter the Society, and my brother has been a great grace in my life. We became great friends."

Two Sets of Cousins

Fr. Mark Link, SJ

Writer, retreat director at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, IL)

Fr. Gerry Walling, SJ

English teacher at Poder Center for Adult Learning (Chicago)

"I didn't even know him until I entered the Society, and then in the novitiate at Milford we figured out we were cousins," says Gerry Walling (lower right), of his cousin Mark Link (lower left). Fr. Walling adds that Mark is "an extraordinary Jesuit and an extraordinary writer. He's bubbling with ideas."

"Gerry's transparency makes him easy to describe," Fr. Link says of his cousin, "I'd call him a real 3M production. He's a good mimic, a good man, but most of all, a good monk."

The Gribbs

Fr. Philip Gribb, SJ, Associate pastor at St. Eugene Parish (Chicago)

Fr. Robert Gribb, SJ, Associate pastor at St. Juliana Parish (Chicago)



"Our mom and dad were the central figures in both our vocations. They were the heroes of the whole thing because our vocations meant they had to give up their only two sons," says Bob Gribb, SJ (left). "When I think of mom, I think of the Parable of the Widow's Mite. That's the image that comes to mind. She gave all she had. It was, in many ways, the ultimate sacrifice."



Fr. George Steenken, SJ

Retreat director at Bellarmine Jesuit retreat house (Barrington, IL)

Br. Tony Kruetzjans, SJ

Case manager at HIV Primary Care Center at Cook County Hospital (Chicago)

More than one hundred years ago, before they immigrated to the United States, ancestors of Tony Kruetzjans, SJ (upper left), and George Steenken, SJ (upper right), lived in the same town Lorup, Germany. In 1930, Br. Tony's father, George, came to Northern Kentucky from Lorup and eventually bought a parcel of land from the Steenken family farm. George, a bricklayer by trade, also built the Steenken home, in which George Steenken's sister, Camille, currently resides. Camille says having Jesuits in the family has been "absolutely wonderful."



The Smalls

Fr. Joe Small, SJ (d. 2001)

Professor of political science at Loyola University Chicago

Br. Jim Small, SJ

Carpenter and painter at Loyola Academy (Wilmette, IL)



"When I was in high school, I thought I was going to be an Augustinian. But my cousin Joe was a Jesuit. At the time he was a scholastic at West Baden. He was a mentor to me and I ended up choosing the Society," says Jim Small, of his cousin Joe. He adds, "I always thought our family was blessed to have four people choose religious vocations." Br. Small (second from left) is pictured here with his grandfather in Ryan's Woods in Chicago in 1930. His cousin Joe, is pictured back right. Front left is his sister, Sr. Mary Paulina Small, RSM, and front right is his cousin, Sr. Cornelia, OP.

The Chamberlains

Fr. Hank Chamberlain, SJ

Assistant treasurer of the Society of Jesus (Rome)

Fr. Frank Chamberlain, SJ

Pastor of El Agustino (Lima, Peru)



"Thank God for e-mail!" says John Chamberlain (right), whose brothers Hank (middle) and Frank (left) are assigned to Rome and Peru. "We were all very close, and have remained close over the years," Mr. Chamberlain says of the relationship he shares with his two brothers and one sister, Catharine Grant. He adds, "I've always been proud of them."

The Scotts

Fr. Charles Scott, SJ (d. 1969)

Assistant to provincial (Patna, India)

Fr. Edward Scott, SJ (d. 1971)

All India Mission Band, pastoral minister (Danapur, India)

Fr. Francis Scott, SJ (d. 1966)

Pastor of local parish (Khagaul, India)

Fr. Joseph Scott, SJ (d. 1943)

Dean at University of Detroit



Three of "the Great Scotts" Ed, Charlie, and Francis Scott.



"When Ed died in Holy Family Hospital, it was really the end of an era. That was much more noticeable to the older Jesuits who knew Ed and his brothers, and who had seen them in action. You wouldn't agree with everything that Ed or Doc or Charlie said, but the things they said would get inside you and rattle around, and above all, make you think. Yes, you were a little more alive when Ed or Doc or Charlie was around. When you come to think of it, that's a fine way to be remembered," says Fr. Jim Cox, SJ, in *We Band of Brothers* of Francis "Doc" Scott, SJ (second from left), and his three brothers, all of whom were Jesuits. Ed Scott, SJ (right), Charlie (second from right) and Joe, often nicknamed "the Great Scotts." They are pictured here with their mother who joined a religious order after her husband died.