



## ROBERT PELTON, CSC

Bob Pelton, who for thirty years here at Notre Dame I have known and whose friendship I have treasured is the very icon of a Holy Cross religious and priest. The Congregation of Holy Cross describes itself as a religious community which fosters, in its own words, “educators in the faith.” What could better describe Bob Pelton? His decades of service to the Church has taken him from Rome where he did doctoral studies and much later as a *peritus* to Cardinal Suenens at Vatican II, to Latin America where he worked in Chile, back to Notre Dame where he has taught and did research for many decades. His teaching has blended his deep knowledge of theology with his abiding concern for social justice rooted in his conviction that the word “America” has both a Southern and Northern timbre.

Holy Cross spirituality emphasizes, as banners on the Notre Dame campus have insisted, that true education cultivates both mind and heart. Anyone who knows Bob personally understands that he engages the whole person in his affable manner and in his willingness to share his vast experience and learning with all. One finds in his life a truth once enunciated by Bless Basil Moreau that how we educate minds will change over the course of time but how we educate the heart “is and will remain timeless.”

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