



Moreau
PROGRAM

Session 4 / Roots

How are we formed by others, especially those closest to us?

Where we are, have been, and are going

Last week: gratitude

This week: roots

- Waldinger and Schulz
- Davila
- Rockwell ([video](#))

Next week: dignity

- Temple
- Nouwen
- Sims ([video](#))

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Labs:

- Gratitude letter (last time in class)
- “Where I’m From” poem ([link](#))
- “This is Me” art tile ([link](#))

Events:

- First-Year Poetry Cafe ([link](#))
 - First do the Where I’m From poem, and then go read it and listen to others at the event
- Reminder: Signature Even with Fr. Bob Dowd in the stadium (October 7, 7-8 pm). [Link](#).

“For some of us our family evokes a warm sense of belonging, for some a feeling of estrangement, or even fear. For most of us . . . it’s complicated.”

-Waldinger and Schulz (pg. 54, CPB)

Robin Williams in *Good Will Hunting*



Pope Leo XIV



Then . . .



... and now minus one year



... and now



Pope Leo unhappy with US immigration policy and won't stay silent, brother says

John Prevost says his brother is middle-of-the-road but shares Pope Francis's concerns about Trump's policy



AMERICAN NEWS

May 10, 2025

BASED BROTHER: Pope Leo's older brother revealed to be massive Trump-supporting MAGA patriot, praised JD Vance, Elon Musk



"If you are angry at Elon for highlighting the inefficient use of our tax dollars, you might be part of the problem!"

Group Discussion:

What is an aspect of your roots that you are proud of and like to highlight?

What is an aspect of your roots that you are maybe not proud of, that you maybe try to conceal?

Why are both important to who you are?

Time Marches On . . .

Sister cries out, from her baby bed
Brother runs in, feathers on his head
Mama's in her room learnin' how to sew
Daddy's drinkin' beer, listenin' to the radio

Hank Williams sings Kaw-Liga and Dear John
And time marches on, time marches on

Sister's using rouge and clear
complexion soap
Brother's wearin' beads and he
smokes a lot of dope
Mama is depressed, barely makes a
sound
Daddy's got a girlfriend in another
town

Bob Dylan sings "Like a Rolling
Stone"
And time marches on, time marches
on

Sister calls herself a sexy grandma
Brother's on a diet for high
cholesterol
Mama's out of touch with reality
Daddy's in the ground beneath the
maple tree

As the angels sing an old Hank
Williams song
Time marches on, time marches on

Four Years . . . Quickly Turns into Forty

“ . . . a casual look through any file quickly puts to particular things into perspective: 1) the pace at which human life unfolds . . . ” - Waldinger and Schulz (pg. 50, CPB)

Four years might seem like a long time: it's not

- Be intentional about your time here
- Take advantage of opportunities
- Say “yes” more than you say “no”
- Take risks and don't be afraid to fail

Five for Fighting: 100 Years

Class Discussion:

Quotes and notes from the readings and videos

MPL Testimonial :

Creating your own roots here at Notre Dame

Class Discussion:

What are ways we can build roots here at Notre Dame?



Moreau Community Poetry Reading Co-Curricular Event

This event is an opportunity for you to read your “Where am I from?” poem and be heard by fellow first-year students. By reciting and listening to each other poems, we hope to inspire courageous awareness and discussion of our roots and perhaps, as Dávila described, allow our stories to “come to life.”

September 23

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Duncan Student Center

