

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Steven Vasoli and Saint Mary's College students at Union Square on an immersion trip to San Francisco

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- A strong start to the second semester;
- The Spirit to guide the Visitor nomination process;
- In thanksgiving for our affiliated members and benefactors;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Bosco Truong, Michael Murphy's godmother, Patricia Vega, Chance Crews, and the Kuffners;
- In thanksgiving for our healthcare workers;
- Our Brothers in initial formation;
- An increase of vocations to the consecrated life;
- Families dealing with addiction issues.



Larry Puck, AFSC, enjoying a Mexcian meal out with our Tucson community

My travels and assorted news...

In preparation for this summer's Mission Assembly, synodal listening sessions are happening with various District affinity groups (board chairs, administrators, student life, etc...) and at each school campus. Each group is invited to consider, evaluate, and discuss the efficacy of our current District Action Plan which has focused on formation, sustainability, and belong. Also, to highlight any area which requires our attention and possible action. The notes from all the sessions will be compiled into one report for the second session of the District Chapter. Delegates were encouraged to attend up to four listening sessions to be familiar with the process.

This week I was blessed to sit in on listening sessions at **Justin-Siena HS** and **Saint Mary's College HS**. Our partners are thoughtful, articulate, and passionate about our Lasallian Mission. They underscored that the relationship between a teacher and their students is the foundation of any vibrant Lasallian community. The group embraced their vocation as

“Are we as quick to follow [the inspirations we receive from God] as these holy Magi..?” Med 96.1

educators. There was sincere concern about Mission drift. Several discussed *formation for transformation*. By their Christian nature, our schools are counter-cultural signs of God's Reign. How do our schools do this effectively and by design? How do we inspire our students to change unjust structures and experience a solidarity with all of humanity plus nature? How do we balance the demands of sustainability with accessibility for opportunity?

Antony Doss is regularly invited to join the extended Tamil community in the San Jose area for holiday celebrations. Recently, he was invited to share his vocational journey for New Year's. Antony spoke about the inspirational example by his family of simple but deep faith lived out in everyday life. His own struggles with his schoolwork led him to study how to best help students who learn differently. A beautiful story his parents revealed was that they had prayed fervently to Saint Antony for a son and promised to give him in service to the Church. It was only when he was in the novitiate that they told him that! SFNO is blessed to have this wonderful and dynamic Brother with us!



At Tamil community celebration: Antony Doss with Our Lady of Velakanni or Good Health

Miscellaneous...

Larry Puck, AFSC, facilitated San Miguel HS's second semester retreat with the theme: *Solidarity Through Education: Foundations of Our Shared Mission*. The retreat offered an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the core of their shared vocation as educators. He reported that it was a beneficial and positive experience – plus great Mexican food!

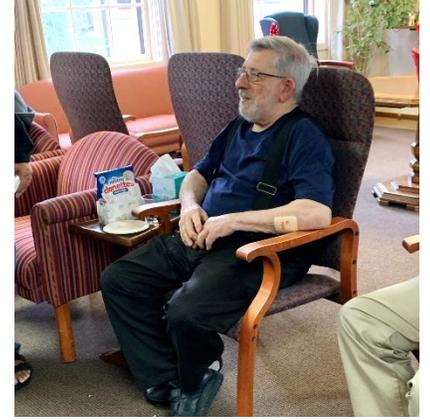
Mandy Dujunco from Dasmariñas in the Philippines is at HFC briefly to study operations. He is developing an assisted living model for his home district. They have a partnership with the nearby Lasallian nursing school. He brings the warm greetings of **Luis “Weegee” Enriquez**, who lives in his community and works at the university. **Javi Hansen** and ten students from **La Salle Yakima** are involved in a week-long immersion trip to the Blackfeet School in Montana. They've been volunteering at the school, listening to presentations by Blackfeet members, and hiking in Glacier National Park.



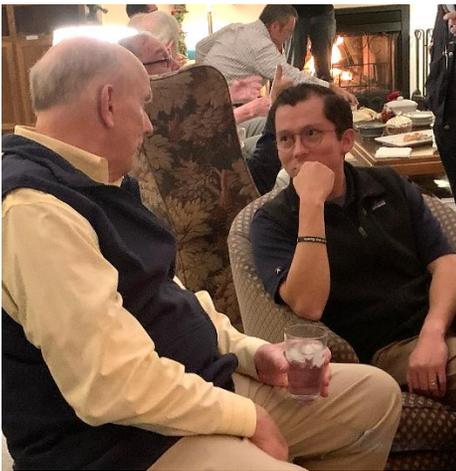
Kenneth Cardwell, Thomas Jones, James Joost, and Javi Hansen met for a small group discussion at Chapter



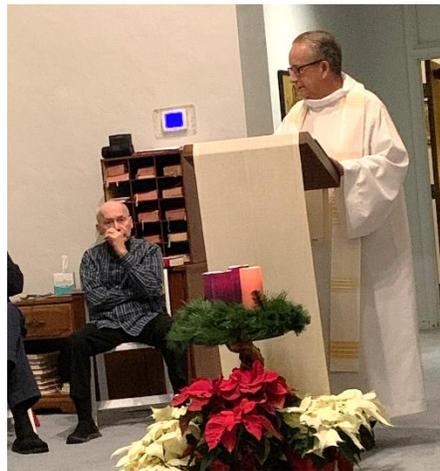
District Nurse Mary Kelly at the Holy Family Community Sing-a-Long



Martin DeMartini and the HFC welcomed the new year with a social and feast



Chris Brady and Rafa Rodriguez conversing at a social during the District Chapter



Father Rico Hernandez, IV, served as chaplain for the District Chapter



Halen Gamino, Dan Fenton, and the Los Angeles community enjoyed Rosca de Reyes (King Cake)

If you honor the poor with affection and zeal, the “Divine Savior will be pleased with you and you will find Him” in your students... Med 96.3

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