

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace and safety in immigrant communities;
- Peaceful respect between nations;
- In thanksgiving for a successful treatment for Brian Dybowski;
- For the needs of our school leaders;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Patricia Vega, the Kuffners, Janell Kloosterman's mom, and Chance Crews;
- Those in discernment and transition;
- Justice and healing for victims of abuse;
- A just settlement for our legal cases;
- Young adults to respond to God's call to religious life.



Halen Gamino and David Caretti with SMC contact, Tim Phelps, touring LA

My travels and assorted news...

Last Wednesday, Mary Kelly accompanied **Brian Dybowski** to UC San Francisco Medical Center for a focused ultrasound treatment to mitigate the tremors in his right-hand which are a result of his Parkinson's condition. Praise God – it worked immediately! In six months, he'll undergo a similar treatment for his left hand.

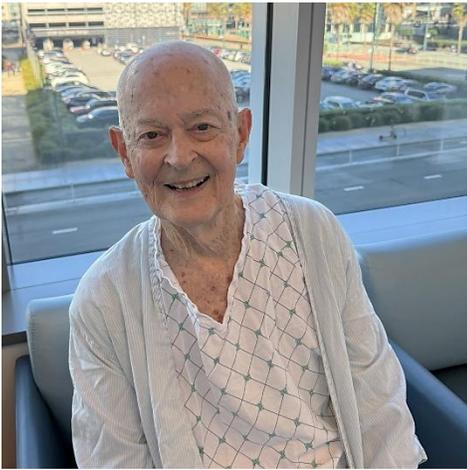
On Thursday, La Salle HS President Perry Martin and his CFO, Robert Packard, came up to MLS to discuss some financial issues. The meetings and meal were a reflection of the positive relationships which the Office of Education consistently fosters. Over lunch, they shared how many of those affected by the Altadena fire have still not rebuilt because of bureaucracy and the failure of insurance companies to deliver on promises. SFNO is blessed with leaders who are passionate our Lasallian Catholic mission!

On Friday, our team overseeing the novitiate renovation met to make decisions about an audiovisual proposal, bathroom tile, deck flooring, sink fixtures, and bedroom furnishings. After a month of installing new plumbing

“The LORD said to me: You are my servant through whom I show my glory.” IS 49:3

for the new *en suite* bathrooms, upgraded electrical panels, and electrical wiring, the sheetrock is going up on the walls and the space is taking its new shape. What is immediately noticeable is the wonderful natural light streaming in which creates a sense of openness and connection to the outdoors.

Jennifer Sturm, SFNO Archivist, produced an Annual Report. Some highlights from a very busy year: **Emmet Sinitiere** finished a two-year project creating accession records for the legacy NOSF archives, **Joseph Pham** volunteers daily digitizing materials (7 GB so far!), received 84 donations/transfers, created 1526 accession records in ArchivesSpace, 253 unique pieces of content were posted on social media, received 114 requests for information, tours, and presentations. Jennifer engaged in ongoing professional development, updated ArchiveSpace Database because of the relocation of our archives, and updated the Disaster Plan and DLSI Art Inventory. Please schedule a tour of this wonderful resource for your next trip to Mont La Salle.



A jubilant Brian Dybowski in San Francisco after his successful focused ultrasound treatment

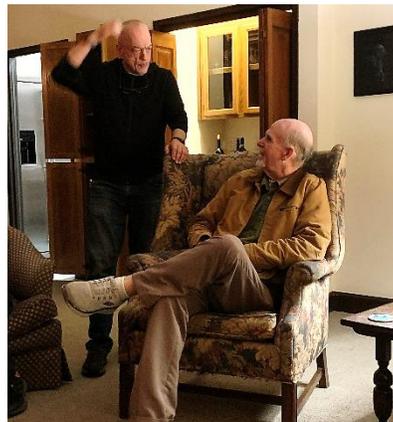
Miscellaneous...

Dat Hoang sends warm greetings from Nakhonsawan in Thailand. *“As the cool weather transitions to warmer days, the town is becoming vibrant with decorations in preparation for Chinese New Year, even though the festivities are still four weeks away.”* He notes that his *“happiness truly lies in interacting with the students and collaborating with my fellow teachers.”*

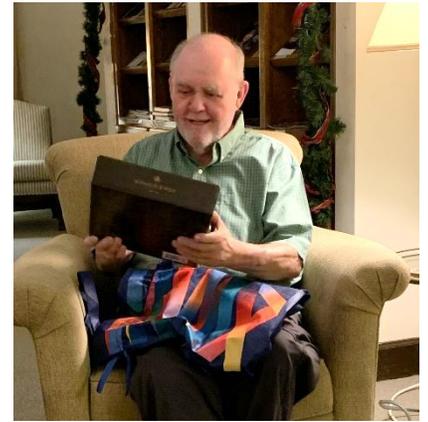
Richard Orona’s baby brother and sister-in-law visited HFC for four days. They took him out for delicious meals at some of the Napa Valley’s hot spots. **John Mai** came to San Francisco and I enjoyed introducing him to eateries in Little Saigon and Japantown. Kudos to **Tim Coldwell** for his article, *Living Through Paradox by Living in the Presence*, in [AXIS: Journal of Lasallian Higher Education](#). Shout out to Justin-Siena HS teacher, Julian Elorduy for his article, *Confronting Morale in Lasallian Secondary Schools through Radical Belonging and Empathy*.



GVG, Tom Westberg, Ken Boesch, and me at a local Napa gastropub for a community lunch out



Jack Henderson and Dan Morgan caught up on news from Yakima



Thomas Westberg during the Kris Kingle gift exchange at MLS community



GVG on the Jersey shore with DENA’s Ocean Rest Center over his shoulder



Mayor Lurie of San Francisco chatted with Victor Kenneth at the Chase Center



Mary Jane Hagan, Pamela Gleeson, and Donald Johanson at a construction meeting

“Be ashamed when you see how you avoid occasions of suffering, whereas Jesus sought them for love of you.” Med 93.2

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