

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

21 January 2025



Dylan P, Matt K, Mark E, Paul A, Larry S, JD M, Rafa R, and David C manned the FSC vocation booth at the SEEK Conference

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The grace of hope in this jubilee year;
- Holy Spirit's inspiration for the new administration;
- Parents struggling with their children;
- Needs of our school communities in southern CA;
- Just resolution and healing for victims of abuse and the accused;
- Healing for Peter Tripp, Bill Hughes, Michael O'Hern (MW), Paul-André and Walter Durham, Liza Ribera, and Fr. Rico;
- Those in hospice;
- Blessings on our upcoming Called and Chosen retreats.



Joseph Fabiano shared funny anecdotes about collecting books from students

## My travels and assorted news...

The **District Council** met last Wednesday via zoom. Soon, I will send out an executive summary of what was discussed in the Open Forum. This way our Brothers are made aware of the concerns of the members and the Visitor in a timely manner. I appreciate the curiosity and vigilance of these Brothers. They have their hands full trying to keep me on track and out of trouble!

On Thursday, **Chris Brady**, Pamela Gleeson, and I participated in the fourth mediation session to attempt to reach settlements with the plaintiffs and our insurance carriers. By the end of the afternoon, we authorized our attorneys to offer a range for potential payments. The mediator felt that some plaintiffs may be eager to settle. (Recall that most of these involve events alleged to have happened forty or fifty years ago.) The mediator will now work with plaintiff attorneys. Please continue to pray for a just resolution to these cases with healing for the plaintiffs and the accused.

On Friday, many of us attended the funeral for **Ron Gallagher** at a packed Saint Mary's College Chapel. It was a moving service with a heartfelt homily

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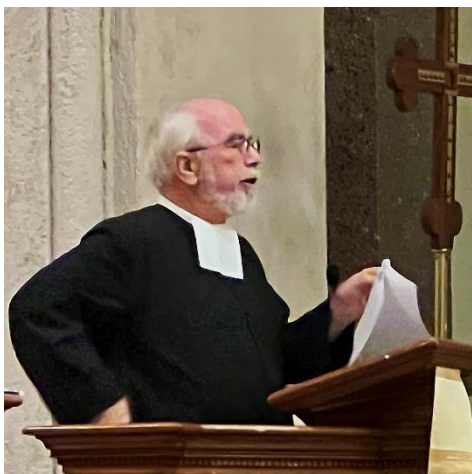
*“God will provide, that is all my comfort. Never did that Providence fail me.”* St. Elizabeth Seton

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by **Kenneth Cardwell** and eulogies by friends and family. Ron's community members filled various roles in the Mass. Kudos to **David Caretti** for being cantor at the liturgy and for designing a beautiful program. Big thank you to **Chris Brady** for being MC and coordinating with the SMC and the Gallagher clan. President Roger Thompson and the college hosted a nice reception. **Lawrence Haley** organized and led the ritual at the gravesite. Fourteen members of Ron's family stayed overnight at MLS.

Updates from So Cal: The homes of at least twenty-five students and three faculty at La Salle Preparatory in Pasadena have burned down or are severely damaged. Some students and staff at CHS LA have also been displaced. Both schools are making every effort to help families and students during this challenging time. The Lancer Fund has raised over \$250,000 which is being quickly distributed to families most impacted by the fires. The Holy Spirit is sweeping through these creative, generous, and hope-filled communities. Paul wisely wondered: *“Who can separate us from the love of God? Shall trouble or hardship...?”* This Lasallian community answered with action.





Kenneth Cardwell delivered a thoughtful homily at Ron Gallagher's funeral

## Miscellaneous...

The San Miguel HS Class of 2024 honored the life of **Jesús Lara** by designing, creating, and firing the tiles for a memorial bench which is next to the Our Lady of Guadalupe grotto in the school's prayer garden. Alumni and staff gathered for a prayer service, unveiling, and blessing of the bench. **Joseph Pham** reported that Bethlehem University held a memorial service to honor **Ron Gallagher's** tenure as Vice-Chancellor.

As part of region's staff, **George Van Grieken** has been at their meetings and ongoing Lasallian formation in New Orleans and a retreat in Florida. **Chris Patiño** and two General Councilors just completed a 10-day tour of DENA ministries. Chris then headed off to Guatemala. **Antony Doss** heads back to India for two months to participate in their upcoming District Chapter. He's been packing chocolate to take to his favorite nieces!



Brothers, partners, and family gathered for the burial service for Ron Gallagher at the Mont La Salle cemetery



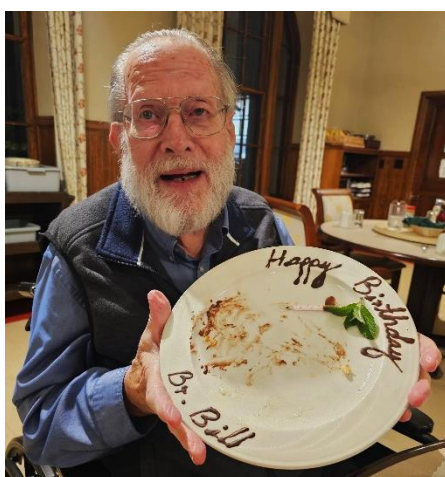
Jonathan Cord and Antony Doss being creative in the SMCHS kitchen



Chris Patiño, with CFO Tim Froehlich, wrapped up his visit to DENA



Institute bursar Sergio Leal and David Caretti were treated to Korean BBQ by Luis Enriquez



Bill Hughes relished Boston Cream Pie for his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday at Holy Family Community



San Miguel Class of 2024 unveiled a bench honoring Jesús Lara in their prayer garden

*“Commit your life to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, so that your justice breaks forth like the light, your cause like the noon-day sun.”* PS 37:5-7

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