

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

27 January 2026



President Theresa Houghton, Mike Daniels, and me with DeMarillac Academy student ambassadors

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace in immigrant communities;
- Civic protests to remain peaceful;
- New board members in training;
- The Spirit to guide the committees as they prepare for the second Chapter session;
- All in need of healing ; especially Dan Fenton, Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, the Kuffners, and Chance Crews;
- Those in discernment and transition;
- An increase of vocations to religious life;
- The needs of our Brothers in formation.



Javi Hansen helped to host Lightning For A Day for prospective students

My travels and assorted news...

District Council met last Wednesday. Mike Daniels updated the members on the progress being made through the 36 listening sessions, most at school sites, to prepare for a Mission Assembly report. We received a thorough report from **David Caretti**. Our next meeting, God willing, will be a vow chapter.

We held an LEC mtg on Thursday. Its' primary focus was approving school audit reports, board membership, and discussing concerning situations arising in some schools.

On Friday, DeMarillac Academy invited the **Daughters of Charity** and the Brothers to a Gratitude Luncheon to celebrate their 25th Anniversary. There was a welcome by President Theresa Houghton and presentations by a current student and a current faculty member. The teacher, who is also a graduate of DMA and SHCP, expressed her warm thanks to **Joe Kirk** and **Joseph Fabiano** for their positive encouragement over the years. **Anthony Lenz**, **Victor Kenneth**, **Chris Brady**, **Mark Murphy**, and I also represented the Brothers. Former DMA president Mike Daniels and Tom Coughlin (LCBF) represented the District.

“... bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” 2TM 1:8

Traveled to El Paso on Friday afternoon to attend Cathedral High School's 100th Anniversary Gala on Saturday. **Mariano Lopez**, former faculty and current board member, and **Gale Condit**, Class of 1960, also represented the Brothers. Mariano, a CHS legend, was able to catch up with many former students and Gale marveled at the well-attended event and passion expressed by alumni. I was asked to open the evening by extending a welcome on behalf of the Brothers of SFNO and to express our confidence in that the Lasallian charism continues. God's great providential care for this small school was in ready evidence.

The short trip offered me the opportunity to catch up with my family. I had a few meals with my older brother, two nieces, a nephew who came in for the event, and their families. I am grateful for the tender care they have taken of my brother as he grieves their mother's passing. There were definite signs of progress!

On Sunday afternoon, as a follow up to the first session of the District Chapter, I met with my committee (Community Life and Vocation Identity) via zoom. It was a thought-provoking, frank, and positive conversation.



At Saint Paul's, Bill Ray was loving life with the first (but not last) crawfish boil of the season!

Miscellaneous...

Over the weekend, **Dan Fenton** was diagnosed with pancreatitis and an infection. On Tuesday afternoon, he'll undergo gall bladder surgery. A shout out goes to **Halen Gamino** who spent the night in the ER looking after his brother. Simultaneously, the CHSLA community hosted a lavish dinner (A Night in Sorrento) for 16 members of the Class of 1976. It was an auction item. Kudos to Chef **Roch Dufresne** who spent days preparing this feast! Two days later, they hosted the CHSLA board for dinner after their retreat.

Steven Vasoli is accompanying a dozen Saint Mary's College students on the *El Otro Lado* immersion experience with San Miguel HS. After an unplanned overnight stay in Los Angeles due to the winter weather, they're settled in Tucson. On Monday night, the **MLS community** joined the prospective trustees for social. The new trustees are here for new board training.



In Los Angeles, Roch Dufresne visited Dan Fenton as he recovers in the hospital and awaits surgery



Chris Brady greeted Sister Chris Maggi, the Visitatrix of the Daughters



Sister Francis and Joseph Fabiano caught up on news at DMA luncheon



Gale Condit with one of the Core Pack students at Saint Paul's School



The Brothers hosted the CHSLA Board for dinner after their board retreat on Monday



With an enthusiastic CHS El Paso alumnus and rascal at their 100th Anniversary Gala

“Do you say with Saint Paul, Lord what do you want me to do? Are you as prompt to do everything that God is asking of you?” Med 99.2

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