

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Chris Patiño enjoyed a laugh with Egyptian youth while supporting a Young Lasallians gathering and service experience

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- In thanksgiving for our partners who share their time, talent, and treasure;
- The needs of our school leaders;
- Safety in immigrant communities;
- Those in need of healing; especially for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, the Kuffners, and Chance Crews;
- Those in discernment or transition;
- A swift and just settlement of our legal cases;
- Healing for victims of abuse;
- Those discerning a vocation;
- The needs of our Brothers in formation.



Bishop Gerald Kicanas and Martin Vu at Tucson celebration for religious jubilees

My travels and assorted news...

Several wise Brothers over the years have reminded me that *"Your health belongs to the Brothers."* **Kenneth Curley's** corollary is that it belong to our students as well. We work at our health so that we can minister effectively and for as long as possible. With this in mind, I had a colonoscopy on Tuesday of last week. Like my first one, polyps were found and removed. I'll get results in two weeks. My physician has tasked me with losing 15 pounds this year and an additional 15 the year after. I'm working at smaller portions at meals and fruit as snacks.

On Wednesday, the District Council was consulted by the Election Committee regarding adjusting the Visitor nomination process. The Council Members clearly and collectively expressed the central importance of exchange between the three top nominees for Visitor and the Brothers. They felt that this fraternal conversation is essential to understanding the nominees as well as educating the nominees about what is important and of concern to the Brothers. With the first round or *sondage* over, the Election Committee will communicate next steps as well as the schedule for the exchange between the Visitor nominees and the District.

"Never speak except in a kindly manner. When you fear to fail in this, remain silent." Med 65.2

Glad that I traveled to Dallas for a family funeral. My sister's mother-in-law lived with and was cared for by my sister's family for several years. They are a testament to fidelity as she was not easy to live with. She was the last of that generation in the family. Now my generation are the official elders! The visit reminded me of the importance of being present to family and how easy it is to be with them.

On Sunday, coaches from SMCHS, JSBS, CBHS, DLSHS Concord, and SHCP gathered for the Inaugural Bay Area Lasallian Coaches Symposium. Legendary Coach Bob Ladouceur and Craig Gianinno, SHCP Mental Performance Coach, gave the two engaging keynotes. Andy Kuffner and **George Van Grieken** introduced the coaches to La Salle and the Lasallian community. Students are passionate about sports so forming their coaches, who have a powerful influence on students, is a solid investment. There was an all-day zoom mediation on Monday for a case in Louisiana. We are blessed to have a talented and experienced legal team represent us. After much negotiation and literally at the last minute, one of the insurance carriers settled the case.



Theresa Houghton listened to Sister Joyce and Mark Murphy at DeMarillac Academy

Miscellaneous...

Bob Carrejo represented the District at a recent Mullen High event in Denver. The Michael Marrese '68 Atrium was dedicated in the Sferra Center. Present were Mr. Marrese's younger siblings. The atrium acknowledges high academic achievement by students; a quality exemplified by Mr. Marrese.

Chris Patiño recently supported the Young Lasallians Movement in Upper Egypt. The young people spent six days doing leadership formation and service in local villages. **Melvin Pelton** took a spill in his room and broke his elbow. Since he can't use a walker for stability, he's wheelchair bound for a time. He is highly motivated to get better and get walking again!

Kudos to **Martin Vu** who, along with other jubilarians, was honored at Mass at Saint Augustine Cathedral by Bishop Gerald Kicanas.



Andy Kuffner led a third formation session on spirituality with interested DLSI staff members



Bosco Truong celebrated his 77th birthday in the HFC dining room



During Janterm, Michael Murphy with a friend in Paris, one of his favorite cities



Dedication of the Michael Marrese '68 Atrium in Mullen HS's Sferra Building



Former offices of Kevin Slate and David Sinitiere in novitiate slated for demolition



At a family funeral in Dallas with my older brother, Jessie, and younger sister, Lourdes

"If we lose union, we lose everything. Preserve it with care, therefore, if you want your community to survive" Med 91.2

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