

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Called & Chosen: Javi, Rafa, Kenenna, David, and Larry each helped with some aspect of the vocation retreat

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Called and Chosen retreatants;
- The safety of our immigrant communities;
- The needs of our coaches and moderators;
- In gratitude for our healthcare staff;
- Healing for Martin DiMartini, Melvin Pelton, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, those struggling with addiction, the Kuffners, and Chance Crews;
- Healing and justice for victims of sexual abuse;
- Those in discerning a religious vocation;
- Brothers in formation.



Larry Puck, AFSC, was a speaker at the Called & Chosen Vocation Retreat

My travels and assorted news...

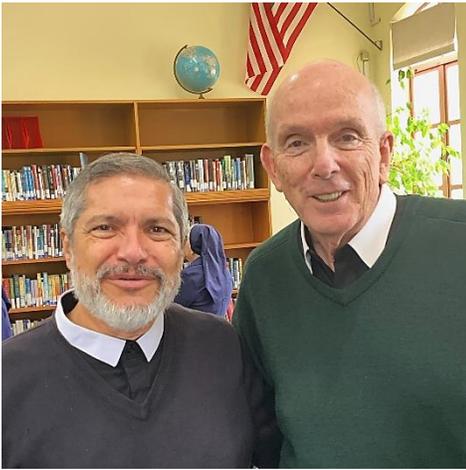
Last Tuesday, the DLSI Investment Committee held their quarterly meeting. Board members Bill Powers and Kim Vogel were present at MLS while others joining via zoom. Crewcial Partners represented explained some exceptionally positive results on recent investments. These face-to-face meetings allow the committee to dig into the selections and have frank discussions about investment strategies. Our lower-risk, socially responsible investments are designed to provide a steady return over time. Most quarters, our portfolio performs better than our non-profit peers and the market. We are blessed and grateful.

The District Leadership Team isn't often in the same location which is why monthly meetings are so important. Last Thursday, **Chris Brady**, Pamela Gleeson (CFO), Mike Daniels (Education), Maria Ribera (Board Formation), and I met via zoom. It's an opportunity to inform the team members about our unique activities, seek advice, and coordinate on the many activities/issues which overlap. This is a consistent attempt to generate focused integrated responses with maximum impact. Regular effective briefing provides this.

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." MT 5:16

From February 7-9 there was a Called and Chosen Retreat for high school male seniors at the Russian River. It was organized by Kenenna Oladokun. **David Caretti** and **Rafa Rodriguez** helped staff it and made presentations. Contact Tim Phelps and **Larry Puck**, AFSC, were featured speakers. **Javi Hansen** was chaperone for the group from La Salle Yakima and a small group discussion leader. There were twenty-five student participants representing nine District schools: Los Angeles, El Paso, Yakima, San Francisco, Concord, Sacramento, Milwaukie, Napa, and Portland. Please pray for these young men to open their hearts to God's plan for them. We are grateful for the generosity of so many who made this retreat possible. The young ladies retreat will be next month.

Our District Council meeting in March has a Vow Chapter on the agenda. Please keep our young Brothers (**Matthew Chiantella**, **Halen Gamino**, and **Rafael Rodriguez**) in annual vows in your prayers, as well as their formator, **Steven Vasoli**. **Rafa** is eligible to request final vows.



Chris Brady and me at a 25th Anniversary event at De Marillac Academy in the Tenderloin

Miscellaneous...

The Archdiocese of Denver team recently completed an evaluation of Mullen High School. They noted that students are cared for, that the community is welcoming, and that faith matters. MHS board member, **Chris Donnelly**, expressed the hope that this positive experience would create a greater bridge between the school and the Archdiocese.

Martin DeMartini was hospitalized briefly for some cardiac issues but, happily, is back home at HFC. CFO Pamela Gleeson is in Rome this week as a member of the International Economic Council.

Having returned from the *El Otro Lado* experience with SMC students in Tucson, **Steven Vasoli** reflected, *“The experience introduced students to the complex reality of immigration. The week provided opportunities for education, visits to the Federal Court for hearings, and direct service to immigrants.”*



Rafa Rodriguez (right of center) in a no mercy gladiatorial bombardment game of Seniors vs CHSLA faculty (They lost.)



Speaker at the Christian Fellowship Club at Piedmont High School



Javi Hansen brought three La Salle Yakima students to the Called & Chosen retreat



John Montgomery playing *loteria* while Jack “Juan” Henderson calls out cards *en español*



Crewcial Partner Michael Miller and Investment Committee Member Bill Powers



Kenenna Oladokun and Katie Batt with only some of the supplies for the Called & Chosen Retreat

“Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.” IS 58:7

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