

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Alphonse, Gale, Jerry, and James hanging out in front of the Saint Paul's residence in Covington

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- That we might be prophets of hope for those in fear;
- Peace in our hearts in and in the world;
- Healing for Ron Roggenback, Victor Kenneth, Jerry Vincent, Brian Dybowski, Peter Tripp, Richard Moratto, Robert O'Kane's nephew;
- Those discerning;
- Blessings on the Called and Chosen retreat for young women;
- Parents of struggling adolescents;
- Justice and healing for all involved in abuse cases;
- The needs of our Contacts and young Brothers.



David Caretti + Mike Daniels with La Salle President Perry Martin + students

My travels and assorted news...

The Members of the **Saint Mary's College** Corporation met with President Roger Thompson last Tuesday for their annual meeting. The president was transparent in sharing the state of the college. Like all small US liberal arts colleges, there are financial and enrollment challenges. After a semester, Thompson has assembled his executive team to deal with philanthropy, admissions, and finances. The college recently announced that they've received the highest number of applications in its history. I'm grateful to **Chris Brady** and **David Caretti** for helping prepare for the meeting.

I completed the second part of my canonical visit to Holy Family, the largest community in the district. Universally, the Brothers are grateful for **Lawrence Haley** and **Paul-André Durham** as the community leaders. They are recognized for their kindness and personal care. Brothers also acknowledge the high quality of care they receive daily from the healthcare staff, housekeeping, and cooking staff. I'll highlight some of the members. **Peter deGroot** is happily planning his spring planting of potatoes on his plot. Cheerful **Richard Moratto** continues to tease me at every turn. More

*"Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."* Luke 6:21

importantly, he prays for the needs of the District and me. **Art Carroll** has adjusted well to his move and is pleased with his sunny room and the tasty cuisine. **Ricardo Palacio** stays busy as sacristan, beautifying the chapel for celebrations, and caring for "his girls" (chickens). His farm continues to bring fresh vegetables to our table. His hard work continues to save MLS money! When **Melvin Pelton** isn't praying in the chapel, he's trying to get in some exercise by walking.

Kudos to **Luis Enríquez** who was part of the team that led the Called & Chosen Retreat for young women this Presidents Day weekend. Fifteen girls from La Salle Yakima, DLSNC, Mullen, and San Miguel benefitted from this discernment experience. Young **Halen Gamino**, **Matthew Chiantella**, and **Rafa Rodriguez** traveled to Ocean Rest in Jersey City for the Brothers in Formation spring gathering. The theme of the gathering was Lasallian Spirit of Faith and Zeal. Despite the inconvenience of cross-country travel, it's a valuable opportunity for the young Brothers to stay connected and deepen their fraternity.



Matthew, Rafa, and Halen at the Called & Chosen retreat for young men

Miscellaneous...

Two Brothers are recovering from surgery: **Jerry Vincent** from carpal tunnel surgery on his second hand and **Victor Kenneth** from hernia surgery on his only abdomen. Congratulations (?) to DENA Visitor **Bobby Schaefer** on his reappointment for a second term. The **CBS City Park community** graciously hosted Mike and Bill Daniels for the Super Bowl and local Lasallian connections helped them score tickets! **Gale Condit** continues as chair of the Ascension De Paul Foundation. He proudly points out that students from De La Salle HS and Rummel HS are participating in training programs offered by this non-profit. Sadly, **Ron Roggenback** had to be hospitalized for an infection which requires an IV drip. These are very confusing and stressful experiences for him. I'm grateful to **Bill Hughes** and **Chris Donnelly** for prepping the first 60+ boxes of novitiate library books for shipment. They spent a couple of mornings fine tuning the proper process.



CHSLA Brothers with Archbishop Gomez at the annual Dinner for the Religious of the Archdiocese



Richard Kovatch and Terrence Richmeier at the District Day gathering



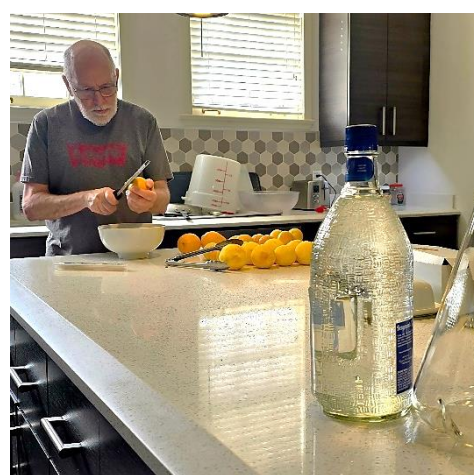
Mike Daniels and his brother at Super Dome to watch their beloved Phillies



Kenneth Cardwell and Edmond Larouche at the SMC Members Corporation meeting



Three participants in the Called & Chosen Retreat for young women in Portland



Dan Fenton making homemade hooch; trying his hand at artisanal limoncello in Los Angeles

*"The true **ordo amoris** is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the "Good Samaritan"... on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception." Pope Francis*

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