

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

25 February 2025



La Salle Pasadena representatives accepted the Brother Michael Collins Award at LASSCA gathering in Anaheim

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- The needs of Pope Francis;
- Healing for Richard Orona, Peter Tripp, Richard Moratto, Victor Kenneth, Jerry Vincent, Rico Hernandez, and Liza Ribera;
- Our students struggling with mental illness;
- Blessings on the LASSCA gathering;
- Needs of our school leaders;
- Antony Doss and the delegates of the LASAD Chapter;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Our contacts in discernment;
- Needs of our young Brothers and their formators.



Bill Hughes helped prep boxes to be filled for shipping out books

My travels and assorted news...

The Lasallian Education Corporation (LEC) held our meeting for February. The bulk of the official business was approving school financial audits; however, we spent a great deal of time discussing concerns arising in some financially fragile schools. Such conversations underscore our commitment to assist with sustainability personnel. These meetings are also opportunities to document the growth and improvement of schools in living out the mission.

Flew down to spend a few days with the CHSLA community. I visited **Halen Gamino's** class and attempted to be useful by being Chef **Dan Fenton's** assistant server during Multi-Cultural Food Day. **Rafa Rodriguez** runs this biannual fundraising event where generous parent volunteers attempt to expose ravenous students to the foods of different cultures. Dan's shawarma was a hit and quickly disappeared. There was everything from Chinese dumplings to homemade mole to injera to hot dogs.

Travelled to Anaheim to attend LASSCA, the annual gathering of president and principals from across the region. **George Van Grieken** manned a

“Let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification.” Romans 14:19

booth promoting Lasallian AI and the useful online tool, the Lasallian Resource Center. **David Caretti** assisted with prayer. La Salle Pasadena was honored for their Centers for Innovation in medicine, linguistics, cultural perspectives, cinematic arts, and design. These after school programs are free to interested students and partner with Pasadena Community College for dual credit. Our Founder would be impressed with these creative pathways to harness student curiosity and passion.

The keynote speaker's topic as Artificial Intelligence and he definitely shocked many of us by demonstrating what AI can currently do and is projected to do in the near future. Dr. Wannemuehler updated participants on important recent developments in school law. There were breakout sessions and opportunities for presidents and principals to meet separately. The district dinner, always a highlight, was informal, joyous (bordering on raucous), and a treasured time together. Thanks to the consistent programming efforts by our Office of Education, our school leaders enjoy a true sense of family and mutual support.



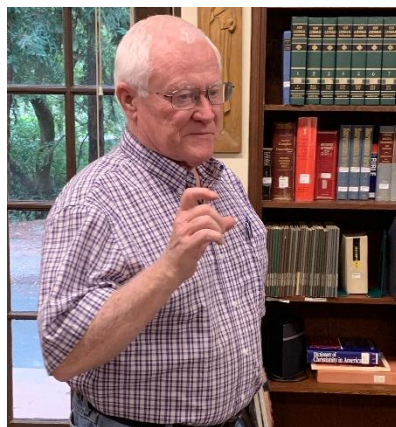
Rafa Rodriguez working with parents during Multi-Cultural Food Day at CHSLA

Miscellaneous...

Kudos to writer **Chris Patiño**. His five-page article, “Leaven of Hope”, is the lead in the Winter 2025 *Horizon* magazine, a publication of the NRVC. Brothers from across the region manned the Brothers Vocation booth at the Religious Education Conference in Anaheim, CA. **David Caretti**, **Luis Enríquez**, and **George Van Grieken** participated in this vocational effort. Thank God for nationally recognized speaker, **Frere Phong**, who made two presentations to Vietnamese audiences: “The Eucharistic Vocation of Ministry Leaders” and “Accompanying Youth Today: The ‘New Normal’ Approach.” After surgery and a few days in the hospital, a svelte **Richard Orona** is ecstatic that he’ll be able to go to Panama for a few weeks as scheduled. He’s returned home after his post-surgery hospital stay. **Victor Kenneth** and **Jerry Vincent** are also recovering well and are grateful for your prayers.



Halen Gamino and contact Tim Phelps led a small group discussion during the Called & Chosen for young men



Chris Donnelly explained the staging necessary to move the Archives



Alphonse, Ken, and Peter at the District Day luncheon at St. Paul's community



Fortunat Phong speaking to catechists at the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim



Dan, Dan, the Shawarma Man! Dan prepped delicious chicken shawarma, rice, and sauce



Donald was fêted by the Brothers in Rome for his 79th birthday; was there for Economic Council

“Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High.” Luke 6:35

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