

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

25 March 2025



Beaming board chairs from CHSLA, St. Michael's, CBHS, and LaSalle Pasadena with artwork to remind them that they're Keepers of the Keys and treasured Partners in the Mission

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Personal conversion during Lent;
- For the innocent victims in Gaza and the Ukraine;
- Those in mourning; especially the Cristo Rey DLS community;
- Blessings on our trustees;
- Healing for Brian Dybowski, Brendan Madden, Valery An, Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Jerry Vincent, Peter Dudenheffer, Eliza Ribera, and Fr. Rico Hernandez,
- The needs of our Brothers in temporary vows and their formators;
- Our contacts and the vocation ministers who work with them.



Chris Patiño enjoyed reconnecting with his mentor, James Joost, at St. Paul's

My travels and assorted news...

It was a week of meetings! On Monday, I had a Saint Mary's College meeting via zoom to go through committee reports and to meet some of the president's new leadership team. There was also a vote on a resolution by the Members to reduce the number of the group. On a side note, shout out to the Gaels Mens' Basketball team for making it to the second round of the NCAA. Many communities watched the game together to support our team.

The District Leadership Team met on Tuesday to discuss concerns facing our schools and discussing the best interventions we can make to be of assistance. We also caught up on what each member is doing so that we can approach issues in a unified and constructive manner.

The District Council met on Wednesday and held a Vow Chapter for **Rafael Rodriguez, Matthew Chiantella, and Halen Gamino**. We spent a good amount of time discussing community accompaniment of the Brothers and listening to reports by **Steven Vasoli, Roch Dufresne, and Martin Vu** on the progress each young Brother has made. It was a wonderful opportunity to

"For you have been made responsible for these children, just as Saint Joseph was made responsible by God for Jesus..." Med 110.3

witness how God has been faithful plus the effects of grace and prayer. Please join me in giving thanks for these generous young men!

On Thursday, attended a very productive meeting with **Chris Donnelly**, conference center head Mary Jane Hagan, and Pamela Gleeson to discuss options to expand our capacity to host larger groups at MLS. We explored many options and are exploring the cost of one further.

A sophomore at Cristo Rey De La Salle was killed last week in an attempted robbery on the street. His friends and he were on their way to soccer practice. The school is doing all that it can to support the family and the student body in the face of this mindless tragedy. Mike Daniels and I attended a school prayer service last Thursday. Bishop Barber presided. I was deeply moved that they began by noting that they gathered as a Lasallian community because of faith in the presence of God and as an expression of being an inclusive community.



Matthew Chiantella's parents visited Tucson during Rodeo Weekend in February

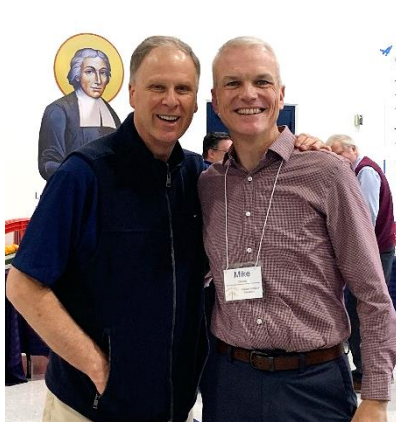
Miscellaneous...

Attended and gave the opening address at the second Trustees Gathering hosted by La Salle Pasadena. In short, it was an inspiring, thought-provoking, well-planned opportunity for the boards of Cathedral LA, Saint Michael's, La Salle, and Christian Brothers Sacramento to find common ground and time to plan future formation well. My thanks to the amazing team led by Maria Ribera. **George Van Grieken** and **David Caretti** made presentations as well. **Javi Hansen** (CHSLA), **John Montgomery** (San Miguel), and **Steven Vasoli** (Pasadena) attended as Trustees.

It's been determined that **Valery An** needs a pacemaker so he'll have that implanted soon in Napa. His hope is to be back in San Jose by Easter. **Bill Hughes** took a spill but is recovering nicely after a short stay in the hospital.



Ricky Laguda, Chris Brady, and Carlos Gomez shared a moment of levity at the Trustees Gathering in Milwaukie



DLS, La Salle president Perry Martin, and Mike Daniels at Trustee Gathering



Steven Vasoli and Thomas Jones look on as Lawrence Haley signed the official Vow Chapter book at District Council



Archives shelves and tracks have been moved into the old novitiate library



Charismatic John Mai leading the CBS 6th graders in song/movement for their retreat



Bethlehem U and St. Joseph in Jaffa communities gathered for Lenten recollection

"You must have a great attention and affection for preserving or procuring the innocence of the children entrusted to your guidance and for keeping them away from whatever might interfere with their education or prevent them from acquiring piety..." Meditations 110.3

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