

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

16 April 2025



Mark Murphy, John Montgomery, Chris Brady, me, and Jonathan Cord at the Kanelopoulos funeral in San Carlos

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The graces of a transformative Holy Week;
- Eternal rest of Stanislaus Campbell;
- Comfort of those in mourning;
- Healing for Brian Dybwski, Valery An, Peter Tripp, John Hoover, Eliza Ribera, and those battling cancer;
- Those caring for loved ones long- term;
- Needs of our young Brothers and contacts;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse and the accused;
- Young people struggling with mental illness and their families.



Caught up with contact Noah Flood who is subbing at CHSEP, working with their athletic department, and at UTEP

## My travels and assorted news...

Newscasts have been replete with disturbing information about major fluctuations in the stock market due to destabilizing events and uncertainty. Many are right to be concerned about their retirement funds and investments being decimated. Be assured that the SFNO leadership is keeping abreast of the market's movements. Our two major endowments (Benilde and DLS) are invested (by socially responsible standards) and managed by Crewcial Partners, our firm for over a decade. Their consistent strategy is to spend time getting to know the various small managers with whom they invest. They study the manager's results and how they deal with fluctuations in the market. Do they stay the course or panic and sell? All of the managers look for companies which are currently undervalued but have the right combination to grow and thrive in the future, thus raising their stock value. It's a slow and consistent return which pays off in the long run. This strategy continues to work and our investments are sound.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns. If I don't know the answer, I'll gladly check in with Crewcial Partners.

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*"Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom." LK 23:42*

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Travelled last week to El Paso for a visit to Cathedral High. While it is always a joy to be around any students, my heart swells with pride at how polite, friendly, and engaging CHS boys are. Was able to meet with principal Adolfo Sanchez and assistant principal Amanda Murillo-Estrada to discuss how SFNO can better assist them as well as to work on a draft MOU between the EP Diocese and SFNO for a formal association. Yolanda Solano, Campus Minister, updated me on the *El Otro Lado* (EOL) Program and current shifting political challenges on the border. I joined the EOL Club students for one of their regular meetings, thanked them for being evangelists, and left impressed by the depth of their commitment. A sure sign of getting older is that all the substitutes and a share of the faculty are my former students! One alum, Gabriel Saucedo '90, teaches junior Religion and was recently ordained as a permanent deacon. Took advantage to stay for the weekend to spend some time with my older brother, who was widowed last summer, and his family. Without our parents, we siblings struggle to stay connected and I'm able to travel more easily than them. I am touched by the great care and faithful attention his two daughters in town take of him.





Christian Brothers School City Park students reenacted the Stations of the Cross

## Miscellaneous...

Welcome back to **Antony Doss** after being in India for two months for their district retreat and district chapter. Shout out to **Rafa Rodriguez** for serving as volunteer liturgist for the Tridium liturgies at MLS this week. There are 18 Brothers/Partners signed up for the Holy Week Retreat representing 10 different communities!

The archives project has made great progress. Only the Jennifer Sturm and **Emmet Sinitiere** remain in their offices at the original site. All the stacks, files, and materials have been moved. The set up for the new offices is being completed.

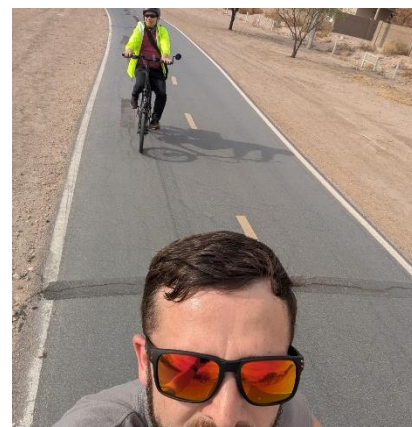
De La Salle Institute hosted a Holy Week Prayer Service and luncheon for all workers at Mont La Salle. Although there are many employees, it is rare for all to be together. Such events provide us with an opportunity to create community with prayer and breaking bread together.



Danny Esparza (CHSEP) and his wife with Brothers at social during Discerning Leaders Gathering at MLS



Matthew Chiantella built an enclosure for a desert tortoise in the backyard



Javi Hansen being chased/"coached" by his new trainer, Martin Vu, in Tucson



DLSI employees were trained in how to assist with a wheelchair evacuation of HFC



CHSEP students evaluating their most recent El Otro Lado experience for improvement



George Van Grieken and Visitor Luis Bolivar on pilgrimage to San Miguel sites in Ecuador

*"Simon, Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." LK 22:31-32*

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