

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

29 July 2025



Rafa Rodriguez stayed with DENA Brothers: JD Macioce, Visitor Robert Schaefer, and Dennis Malloy in Providence

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The repose of the soul of Ricardo Palacio and the consolation of his community;
- Relief for the children of Gaza and Ukraine;
- Safe travel for San Jose dance troupe;
- Grace as communities work on CAP together;
- Those struggling with dementia and their caregivers;
- Healing for Bosco Truong, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, Brendan Madden, and family members in need of healing;
- Our vocation team as they plan out the year.



John Mai and Brian Dybowski caught up with one another during retreat

## My travels and assorted news...

Today I made an All Company presentation to the assembled various departments here at DLSI. I started with gratitude for our new community in Yakima, our contacts who volunteered this summer, and our young Brothers. I updated them on the completed Archives move and the planning stages for transforming the first-floor spaces they vacated into additional conference spaces. It was noted that renovation to the old novitiate bedrooms must occur first because of all the plumbing involved which will tear up the ceilings on the first-floor. We're waiting for plans and cost projections. Last Thursday, eight Brothers from HFC and three staff drove up to the Russian River via Bodega Bay. The Brothers appreciated the water views. Camp Director **Richard Lemberg** graciously hosted and prepared a tasty lunch. **Chris Donnelly** shared the camp's history and gave an animated tour. **Rafa Rodriguez** returns home after wrapping up his second two-week course at Boston College for a certification in spiritual direction. This summer he lived with the Brothers community in Providence, RI, and commuted. Rafa and JD were novitiate classmates, hosts of the podcast, *Brothers Banter*, and a formidable duo.

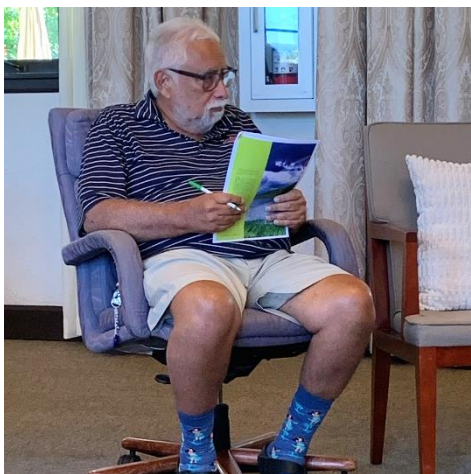
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*"When I called you answered me;  
you built up strength within me." PS 138:3*

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**Dan Morgan** came through MLS on Friday with a U-Haul to pick up furniture from the novitiate, essentially CBHS Sacramento retreats, proving that everything old is new again... He also collected some furniture from the former DLS Concord Brothers residence. That should complete the home. (I won't have to sleep on the floor when I visit in a few weeks!) He arrived in Yakima on Monday afternoon and the coach provided four football players to help unpack the truck. One student shared how his brother and he decided to transfer to La Salle over the summer. Both their parents are graduates of the first class! May the Holy Spirit continue to bless this community's efforts! The new community emails are: Brodan, Brojohn, and [Brojavier@lasalle-yakima.org](mailto:Brojavier@lasalle-yakima.org).

Later this week, **Fortunat Phong** and his Vietnamese Dance/Music Troupe of 112 pilgrims will travel to Carthage, MO, for the Marian Days celebration where they'll perform and participate in the largest Vietnamese Catholic gathering in the nation. Phong is listed as one of the speakers. His talk is entitled: *You Are Enough! You Belong! - Workshop for Young Adults and Teens*. We celebrate this vibrant Brother and his transformative ministry!



Richard Orona listened intently to the discussion at the District Retreat

## Miscellaneous...

**Valery An** is traveling in Vietnam with his nephew and niece for a much-anticipated jubilee trip home. He has not been back for over a decade and ardently desired to see his sister who is seriously ill. Valery plans to visit with former students and former Brothers as well as extended family. Kudos to **John Montgomery** for being one of the 100 inaugural members inducted into the Cathedral High Athletic Hall of Fame. (Still not sure in what sport...)

**James Meegan** and **Richard Orona** were present for the ceremony.

Congratulations to **Fred Van Haaften** on the birth of his 10<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild! It's getting harder to keep track of them all! **Joseph Pham's** youngest brother, Peter, and his wife, Michelle, are visiting him at HFC for three nights. They live in Oceanside, CA. Joseph commented recently to another Brother that ALS stands for "active Lasallian!" Indeed, he is and positive as well!



Novitiate classmates Jayme Silva, Michael Bernardis, and Joe Kirk celebrated Lawrence Haley's jubilee at MLS



Javi Hansen already helping to recruit students at a Yakima parish kermes



Chef Ismael joined in singing happy birthday to Kevin Slate at his dinner



Richard Lemberg and Chris Donnelly welcomed the HFC Brothers to Russian River



GVG, David Sinitiere, and Tom Westberg on MLS Community outing to Sonoma Mission



Fred Van Haaften was one of eight HFC Brothers who visited Camp Saint Joseph

*"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" LK 11:13*

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