

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Future postulant Tim Phelps with his parents, younger brother and sisters at graduation from Saint Mary's College on Friday

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Repose of the soul of Bosco Truong and the consolation of his community + family;
- That the Holy Spirit may enlighten and embolden us;
- The needs of veterans and families of those lost in war;
- Peace in our hearts, communities, and the world;
- The needs of our new board members;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- Healing for Joseph Pham, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Liza Ribera, Perry Martin's mother, and Steve Martinez (classmate of mine);
- An increase of vocations.



Jerry and Lois Rael from Santa Fe visited Brian Dybowski at Holy Family

My travels and assorted news...

I continue with my initial visit to the Holy Family Community. Despite various serious ongoing health challenges, **Brian Dybowski** continues to inspire with his faith-filled outlook and positivity which are rooted in his prayer life and meditation. I enjoy joining Brian and **Peter deGroot** for lunch when I'm at the Mont. Peter gets regular exercise by walking and weeding/watering his potato plants. This year's crop is doing well and the harvest should be in late June. Quiet **Warren Stewart** continues to be faithful to Mass and prayer. He still enjoys listening to musicals and music. **James Riordan** happily reported that his cardiac issues are now managed by the implanted device. He treasures Mass with the community and is most helpful by making regular runs into town to pick up various medications at various pharmacies. The secret to **Laurence Konersmann's** high energy is his commitment to getting 8000 steps per day on his various hiking trails. Sub-director **Paul-André Durham** assists the director whenever possible. He serves as sacristan for the main chapel and has become well acquainted with the birds of MLS. Daily, he puts out feed for them then sits back to read and watch the avian drama unfold.

“Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.” 2 Cor 13:11

Traveled to Los Angeles on Wednesday. While at the airport, I was able to join two zooms for two committees I sit on at Saint Mary's College. Enjoyed the warm hospitality of and a delicious dinner with the Brothers. On Thursday, I was in mediation involving an allegation in Lafayette from the early 70's. Thank God it was settled.

On Friday morning, I was invited to attend the graduation of La Salle HS in Pasadena. I presented the Provincial's Award for the two students who best embodied Lasallian principles. The event was engaging, “California casual,” and certainly a celebration of the students and their families. In the evening, I joined the Brothers community to attend the Cathedral High Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The celebrant was Archbishop Gomez joined by three priests who are CHS alumni. The huge nave was filled with proud families seated with their sons. The choreography involved in transitioning from Mass to receiving their diplomas was flawless and impressive! It was a spirited event celebrating the 100th graduating class.



Matthew Chiantella with San Miguel HS staff at a well-earned end-of-the-year celebration

Miscellaneous...

Dan Fenton is busy with final preparations for his month-long stay at Bahay Pagasa in the Philippines. He treasures his time there and the opportunity to reconnect with staff and former students. An update on **Matt Powell** is all good news. He was medically cleared to return to work last Friday after recovery at home. Praise God! Longtime friends of the Brothers in Santa Fe, Jerry and Lois Rael brought College of Santa Fe caps for **Brian Dybowski** to pass out to former staff and alumni. Lois serves on the CSF Alumni Board and was at MLS for new board training to serve on the Saint Michael's HS board. LatinX students at SMC had an intimate pre-commencement event at which **Steven Vasoli** delivered the invocation and placed a stole on one graduating senior from Mission and Ministry's Liturgy Group. **Javi Hansen** and volunteer students set up a booth promoting La Salle HS at the confirmation of 600+ students. The Diocese of Yakima is celebrating its' 75th anniversary.



Council meeting at MLS last week: Tom, me, John, Lawrence, Mark, Steven, and Chris (James Joost was on zoom)



Valery An speaking with a friend at the Founder's Day celebration in San Jose



Joe Kirk with outgoing principal Jojo de Guzman at DeMarillac Academy graduation



Presented Provincial's Awards to two outstanding Lasallian grads at La Salle HS



Joseph Pham and Mark Murphy waiting for Mass to begin at the La Salle Center



With Ernest Siy and Perry Martin after La Salle graduation from Pasadena's Civic Auditorium

“You need the fullness of the Spirit of God in your state, for you ought to live and be guided entirely by the spirit and the light of faith...” Med 43.2

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