

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

27 May 2025



Saint Michael's HS Board members (Charlie Legendre, AFSC, and James Joost) at the Brothers Lane Bridge in downtown SF

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Our schools as they wrap up the year;
- In thanksgiving for the blessings and challenges of this school year;
- The needs of La Salle High in Yakima;
- Healing for Brendan Madden, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Peter Dudenheffer, Alphonse LeBlanc, Bernie LoCoco, Walter Durham, and Andy Kuffner's father;
- For young people in vocation discernment;
- Justice and healing for victims of sexual abuse and the accused;
- The needs of our young Brothers.



John O'Neill congratulated Carole Swain, AFSC, at Mont La Salle

My travels and assorted news...

I begin with a shout out to the **Mont La Salle community** for putting together the Swain affiliation celebration in less than a month. Every member of the community participated in the ceremony and helped with planning. Although short on time, they were determined to make this a memorable experience for Dr. Swain and her family. They succeeded admirably.

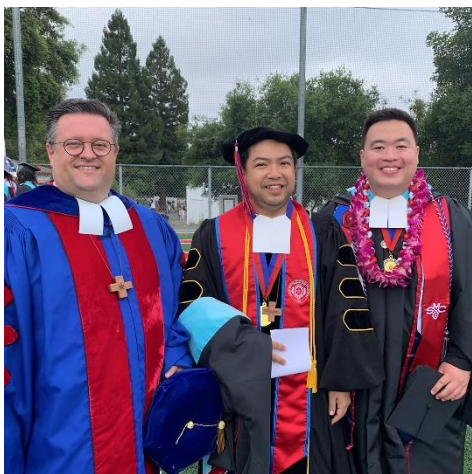
Last Wednesday, **Chris Donnelly** led a walk-through to carefully review the work being done in the new and former Archives spaces. A new electrical panel is being installed to handle the new demand; especially the new HVAC units. We agreed on the size of the new conference spaces in the old novitiate; they should complement our current offerings. A designer will make recommendations about how to keep the rooms consistent in look. Once we obtain estimates, we'll make decisions about which spaces are priorities. There is not a need to get them all done at once. We've also engaged a landscape architect to make recommendations for the spaces on both sides of the entrance road as well as our garden spaces. Again, once we have estimates, we can determine a timeline for the projects.

"For what do I wait, Lord? In you is my hope."

Psalm 39:8-9

Chris Brady and **Anthony Lenz** represented the Brothers at the final eighth grade commencement from De La Salle Academy in Concord. The majority of graduates are going to De La Salle HS which has been very generous in their financial aid to DLSA families. Former Lasallian Volunteers who taught there, as well as alumni, were present for the bittersweet celebration. *This year's salutatorian at DLSHS is a DLS Academy graduate!

As a Trustee, I was blessed to attend Saint Mary's College's Commencement Mass as well as the undergraduate and graduate commencements. The latter was particularly joyous since **Luis Angelo Enríquez** received a MA in Leadership and **Íñigo Riola** was awarded his doctorate in Educational Leadership. A theme emerged across all three events: a Lasallian Catholic education and community are the counter-cultural antidote to the fallacy of individualism. Our salvation shall be in true mutual respect and communal effort. The **Alemany** and **SMC communities** hosted a terrific social and barbeque for the two Filipino Brothers and their families. Luis' former community from **Berkeley** also joined the party. A shout out to **Ken Cardwell** for handling the arrangements for the fiesta!



Íñigo Riola and Luis Angelo Enríquez with David Caretti at the Saint Mary's College graduation

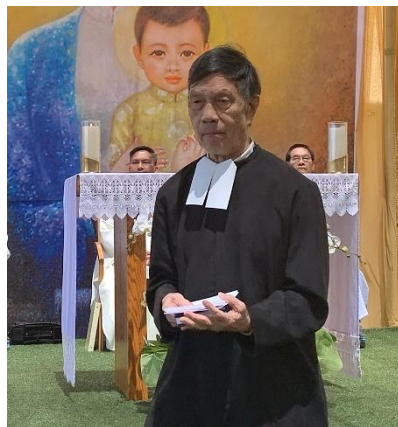
Miscellaneous...

It's surgery season! **John Arnaudon**, BFSC, successfully underwent a heart procedure to remove blockage. **Bill Hughes** and **Gale Condit** reported that their cataract surgeries went well and that the future (literally) looks bright! **Alphonse LeBlanc** is recovering from minor foot surgery and **Pete Dudenheffer** is preparing for gall bladder surgery. Sadly, **Bernie LoCoco** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He's appreciative of your prayers as he explores his options.

Kudos to the **Saint Mary's College High School community** for hosting this summer's teaching experience for interested contacts. This is their second summer and they're a very engaging host community for these young men. Thank you to **Lawrence Haley** and **Donald Johanson** for being our official photographers at the recent affiliation. They produced a beautiful record of the event.



Jubilarian (25) Joe Kirk's family joined the SHCP student body Mass to witness the community's renewal of vows



Jubilarian (60) Valery An renewed his vows at the La Salle Center in San Jose



Charles Hilken and Thomas Jones at the SMC Commencement Mass



Cecilia Powers named Lasallian Educator of Year at Christian Brothers HS in Sacramento



Anthony Lenz and Fr. LaSalle at De La Salle Academy's final commencement in Concord



Ken Boesch shared his musical talent by playing the organ at the affiliation ceremony

"Compassion without commitment is empty. Solidarity without structure is a wish, not a reality." SMC Valedictorian Dominic Terrazas Flemming

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