

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

10 June 2025



Donald Johanson, Pamela (CFO) and Patrick Gleeson, and Matt Powell (J-SHS) at reception for Roger La Voie Memorial

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- That the summer may refresh our school staffs to continue in this vocation;
- Those in mourning, especially the Slate family;
- Healing for Joseph Pham, Valery An, Brian Dybowski, Brendan Madden, Peter Dudenheffer, Alphonse LeBlanc, Peter Tripp and Andy Kuffner's father;
- Blessings on our development efforts in LCBF and the schools;
- Justice and healing for victims of sexual abuse and the accused;
- The needs of our young Brothers.

My travels and assorted news...

John Dermody, MD, the primary physician for many Brothers at MLS, came to the Mont to speak on a wide range of topics with the two communities. The discussion ranged from his call to become a deacon to the value of supplements to important end-of-life questions. The Brothers found the exchange engaging and pragmatic. Activities director, Scott Smetzer made the arrangements for the presentation. Another of Dr. Dermody's recommendations was regular exercise. I dropped by Peggy St. Claire's water aerobics class to find fit-but-camera-shy **John O'Neill, Laurence Konersmann, Brian Dybowski, and George Van Grieken** happily exercising. They have class twice a week.

The Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF) board had their quarterly meeting on Thursday. The team announced that CA state Senator Bill Dodds will be honored this year's Brother Timothy Wine Tasting. He's a proud graduate of Justin-Siena HS. Progress and preparation continues for the ambitious Lasallian Legacy Fund drive to raise \$30 million by 2030. All proceeds go to scholarship funds for students with need. **Donald Johanson** returned to the board where his expertise will be put to good use.

"Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth!"

On Friday, I attended Cristo Rey De La Salle's commencement celebration held on the chapel lawn of St. Mary's College. Mr. Armstrong, a senior mentor, described the graduating class: *"You cared more about inclusion than perfection. Our world needs your heart and authenticity."* One valedictorian's comments caused me to tear up. She shared: *"My parents always ask me who I want to be. I finally know. I want to be like them – hard working, faithful, and loving."* **Edmond Larouche**, who attended their Baccalaureate Mass the night before, noted that every student speaker had included gratitude to God and proudly shared their faith. The LEC held their monthly meeting. Along with fiscal matters, the group had to examine and approve the annual school reports documenting the year's Lasallian formation for staff and students. We also looked at updates on how the administration has followed up on the LCAP process done by each campus. We were pleased to see much more attention to the reporting. This is a direct result of the Trustee Gatherings which emphasized the centrality of the Lasallian Mission to board work. The commitment of time, effort, and funds was a wise investment. The Holy Spirit does the rest!



John Montgomery stopped by MLS to pick up some chairs en route to Yakima



Kudos to Izra Daniels and family on his 8th grade graduation; he's SHCP-Bound!

Miscellaneous...

Anthony Lenz departed for his well-earned jubilee trip, a 22-day cruise from San Francisco to Alaska with his sister. **Paul-Andre Durham** traveled to LA to visit his brother, Walter, who is dealing with serious health issues. Bishop Joseph Tyson of Yakima granted permission for opening a Brothers Community in his diocese.

Chris Brady, Kevin Slate, Donald Johanson, Joseph Pham, and I attended a Memorial Mass for Roger La Voie at MLS. Roger served as longtime chair of the Justin-Siena HS board, a board member for the DLSI board, and a member of the Investment Committee. He was a steadfast Lasallian Partner. SHCP's development and admissions team met for two days at our Conference Center. Shout out to **Luis Angelo Enríquez** for being featured as an outstanding graduate by Saint Mary's College. He's back in the Philippines and getting started on his new ministry.



Dan, Richard, John, George, and David attended CBHS President Crystal LaRoy's farewell event in Sacramento



Laurence Konersmann has moved into the Holy Family Community



Cristo Rey De La Salle HS Board member Edmond Larouche before commencement



Congratulated Principal Jessica Murray at the Cristo Rey DLS HS commencement at SMC



John Dermody, MD, made a presentation to the Holy Family Community in Napa



Chris Patiño and Donald Johanson caught up at the MLS BBQ on Memorial Day

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4

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