

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Contacts Nick Beaumont (U Mississippi) and Tim Phelps (SMC) with Jonathan and Edmond at the Berkeley community

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace in Gaza, Ukraine, and Iran;
- Families impacted by the ICE raids;
- The needs of Saint Mary's College;
- Those in transition and discernment;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, Pete Dudenheffer, Alphonse LeBlanc, Walter Durham, and Andy Kuffner's father;
- Young people struggling with mental health;
- Blessings on our contacts participating in our summer project in Berkeley;
- The needs of our young Brothers.



Amalad Thangasamy and Uvari Antony (LASAD) visited with me at MLS

## My travels and assorted news...

Last Tuesday, I drove down to Berkeley to have lunch with two contacts, Nick Beaumont and Tim Phelps, who were working with an enrichment program for middle school students at St. Mary's College High School. Nick shared what he'd learned in two years as a member of the Ole Miss' marching band, his upcoming internship, and his work as a waiter. Tim was eager to share his thoughts about Rahner, his self-imposed summer reading. He made interesting connections with the Lasallian tradition of being in the presence of God. Nick returned to south and Jake Theriot, a contact from Mississippi State University, joined the program for a week. The contacts appreciate following the community schedule, dinner conversations, and late-night cut-throat card games!

Attended, via zoom, the St. Mary's College Board meeting on Friday. While there is progress on the enrollment and philanthropy fronts, major cuts were needed to operate in the black. The lean new budget was approved by the board. **Donald Johanson** and **Chris Brady** were voted onto the Board. Both have served previously on the Board. The great news is that the Nursing Program cleared the final hurdle for state approval. Classes start in the fall.

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*"I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." MT 16:18*

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**Tim Froehlich** came west for a board meeting so we took advantage of the opportunity to explore Santa Cruz together for a few days of relaxation on the beach and walking the famous boardwalk. It was my first time to drive on CA Highway 1. On his last day, I gave him my walking tour of San Francisco. I returned from the vacation slightly sunburned but well-rested. Dale Barclay, father of Tracy Barclay in the Office of Education, is volunteering at MLS for two weeks. He's building a new and more secure fence around the chicken coops and creating some storage spaces for **Ricardo Palacio** to use for his farming and poultry keeping endeavors. We're blessed by Dale's enthusiasm and construction talent!

**Richard Kovatch** took a summer road trip to his beloved Santa Fe. He'll spend a couple of weeks reconnecting with old friends. He also attended the funeral of the historian who was instrumental in the promotion and preservation of the San Miguel Mission. For the past few summers, **John Mai** has traveled to Georgia for a reunion with former Brothers and families from his hometown in Vietnam. This summer, **Simon Hoang** and **Peter Phu** joined him.





The biweekly Water Aerobics class at the MLS pool continues to grow in membership!

## Miscellaneous...

**Edmond Larouche** and **Richard Orona** recently attended Cathedral LA's Centenary Celebration. One thousand three hundred alumni and friends attended the event which was on the football field with the LA skyline glittering in the background. There was live music, dancing, and a banquet. Both declared it a magical night and a joy to reconnect with former students and fellow teachers.

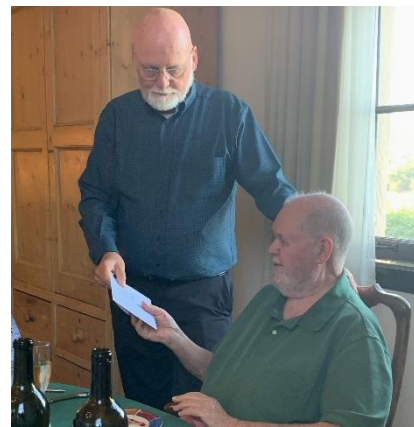
**Halen Gamino** has begun his summer studies focusing on Calculus. He wanted to deepen his mastery of math, the subject he teaches. **Dan Fenton** returned to Bahay Pagasa in the Philippines for a month. He enjoys being back and helping in any way that he can while there. His visits culminate with a day-long field trip to a water park for all the boys and staff. **Joseph Pham's** younger brother and sister-in-law from southern California are enjoying an extended visit with him.



Katy, Roger, and Debbie Thompson hosted the college Brothers for a BBQ at Siena House on SMC campus



Charles Miller and CNA Eli Martinez Rojas in Mary's Grove



GVG gave Tom Westberg a gift from the community as he ended tenure as director



Novitiate classmate Tim Froehlich (DENA) and me at Santa Cruz pier, boardwalk, and beach



Halen and Matthew escaped the Tucson heat by hiking up cool Mt. Lemmon



Rafa Rodriguez and three friends made up the Cathedral team at the CIF Tournament

*"The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen."* 2TM 4:18

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