

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Some students from Saint Paul's School with Ken Boesch during the Lasallian Youth Assembly at Saint Mary's College

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Grace and blessings on Rafa Rodriguez at final vows;
- Timothy Phelps as he formally enters postulancy;
- Suffering immigrant populations in our cities;
- Healing for Martin DeMartini, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Melvin Pelton, and those struggling with addiction;
- Peace and healing for victims of sexual abuse;
- Our school staffs as they gear up for a new year;
- More young people to be open to the consecrated life.



Armin invited David to participate in a podcast recorded at Ocean Rest, NJ

My travels and assorted news...

The head of CMSM reached out a month ago to ask me to stand for election to the board. He noted the importance of having Brother representation and that the FSC are the largest group. Two other Brothers (a NYC Franciscan and a CA Patrician) and I were elected to the board. On the final day of the CMSM Assembly, I was part of panel discussion on Community Animation with an abbot and the superior of a missionary society of apostolic life. It was an honest discussion about the challenges facing us but also a celebration of God's fidelity to religious. The week was a real blessing.

Flew back in time to attend the closing Mass of the Lasallian Youth Assembly with **Victor Kenneth**. A spirited **Ken Boesch** led the congregation in practicing the songs before Mass to ensure maximum participation. The students were engaged and positive. It was a joyful experience to greet and thank familiar moderators. One was Deacon Gabe Saucedo (CHSEP) whom I taught in 1990 and is now a Religion teacher at his *alma mater*. A tired but happy **Matthew Chiantella** reported that the week had gone very well with the students being consistently cooperative and open. Naturally, I greeted

"Those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." 2COR 5:15

The group from El Paso whose moderator was former contact Noah Flood. He's been tapped to be the new campus minister. The event reminded me of the power of good formation programs for our students who are eager to be true Lasallian leaders in their schools.

On Saturday, I joined the SHCP community to welcome **Timothy Phelps** as he moved in. Everyone pitched in to move boxes. We took a short walk to show him some local hot spots to check out. Timothy is eager to begin teaching and be in community. *"Postulancy provides the candidate with the means to pursue his growth in maturity, to enrich his faith, and to discern the authenticity of his vocation to the Brothers life."* (Rule 91) Let's all keep Timothy in our prayers.

I gave an All Company presentation on Tuesday. Shared updates on the resolution of CA lawsuits, the District Chapter, new Brothers leadership, and the almost completed renovation of the novitiate. As always, I expressed the gratitude of Brothers for their partnership and hard work.



Anthony Lenz pointing out a SHCP community practice to newcomer Timothy Phelps

Miscellaneous...

Kudos to **Antony Doss** for completing his final summer at Buttimer and earning a Masters in Lasallian Studies from Saint Mary's University! It was a real effort but he did it! **Dat Hoang** has been volunteering in the District Archives to complete the project of organizing and transferring the contents of Lasallian collection of books/materials. He's also been of invaluable assistance at Camp Saint Joseph. While on a Brother's Weekend, a pipe burst and Dat rolled up his sleeves to help dig!

Kudos to **Peter Phu** on being accepted for doctoral studies at Berkeley School of Theology. The District of Vietnam plans to have Peter become a professor at their theology institute. His student visa has been extended. The Springtide Report on *Making Sense of Vocation* is now available online. This study was suggested by **David Caretti** and sponsored by the region.



District Retreat: R1: James, Pierre, Robert, Gale, Bob, John, Mark, and John; R2: John, Aidan, George, and Emmet



Old entrance to the novitiate being dismantled; a new design will go up



Chris Patiño hosted Kevin Kelly, DLSNO faculty, at the Generalate in Rome



Rafa's proud mother, Sylvia Villalpando, attended his graduation at Boston College



Tom Westberg and John O'Neil working out in the MLS during water aerobics class



Aidan Kilty is enjoying a few weeks of vacation at MLS; here with Donald at a summer BBQ

“Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:11-12

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