

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Nurse Brandi's Saint Paul's Bingo Hall grand opening: Alphonse and James watch carefully as Peter checks a winning card

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Spirit to inspire us during our local CAP experiences;
- Blessings on the start of school in all our works;
- The needs of our community directors;
- In thanksgiving for our healthcare staff;
- Healing for David Sinitiere, Peter Tripp, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybwoski, Bernie LoCoco, and those battling addiction;
- Those in mourning, esp. the Galvin family;
- The needs of our young Brothers and contacts;
- The Holy Spirit to animate young people to explore the consecrated life.



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My travels and assorted news...

Kudos to **Fortunat Phong** who has returned from spending four weeks in the highlands of Vietnam and two weeks in Cambodia. Thirty-five student volunteers served about 100 low-income students - both Vietnamese and Montagnard. Volunteers cover all their own costs and regularly report that this experience changed their lives.

Congratulations to **Glenn Bolton** on being named to the National Top 50 Pre-Law Advisors list. He credits his habit of meeting with each freshman at SMC to introduce them to graduate school possibilities. Glenn logs more hours advising than many much larger colleges.

I'm pleased to receive positive reports about the CAP experience from various communities. **St. Mary's College HS community** met last week at MLS in Napa. (I joined them for another bruising round of Crazy Rummy!) The **Cathedral Los Angeles community** traveled to Palm Springs, an annual ritual, for their meetings. It's an opportunity to relax, swim, and spend time away from daily distractions. The **San Miguel Tucson community** traveled to nearby Mount Lemmon to cool off for their CAP. The **Saint Mary's College community** will inaugurate the renovated novitiate meeting space at MLS.

"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." MT 15:27

Last Wednesday, the District Leadership Team met for our monthly check-in. This group consists of the Brothers leadership, Mike Daniels (Education), Pamela Gleeson (Finance), and Maria Ribera (Boards). We update one another on key developments in the District, ask questions, and formulate strategies to collectively address issues.

On Thursday, the Investment Committee met for their quarterly meeting. Although our value stock strategy does not take advantage of the overinflated stock prices, it does not expose our endowments to wild fluctuations in the market. We continue to get solid returns to fund the Lasallian mission and care for our Brothers. Our two Crewcial Investments consultants were present for our meeting where we discussed a potential new manager with whom to invest.

On Friday, **Edmond Larouche**, **John Montgomery**, and I joined the Cristo Rey DLS HS community for their opening Mass. Fr. John McGarry, SJ, a former high school president, was the celebrant. The students were engaged, welcoming, and reverent. The great news was that all of the students have a job placement – a miracle in this economy! Amen!



La Salle Yakima principal Paul Hudson with Javi and Dan; in Portland to pick up new vans

Miscellaneous...

Edmond Larouche hosted a family reunion for thirty relatives at MLS on Sunday. The weather was perfect and they enjoyed the picnic grove and pool. Please pray for **Rich Galvin** (DENA) whose very active father passed away after a steady decline. **Rafa Rodriguez** is assisting with the first week of the DENA Postulancy program in Providence, RI. He was asked to help since the full staff is not yet able to be present.

The parish youth ministry, *Fe y Vida* (part of the Lasallian family), has branched out to podcasts. Their first one, *Unfinished*, is a bilingual podcast with a teen and her father sharing their faith. It was impressive. Check it out at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ln_Vj0Mk2ks.

Lasallian Resources is an outstanding online collection which makes any search easier. I use it regularly. **George Van Grieken** oversaw a recent update to its website. Check out the new look at: <https://lasallianresources.org/>.



The Cathedral LA community travelled to Palm Springs for their CAP: Rafa, Roch, Dan, and James dressed for dinner out



Jerry Vincent does stairs as part of his PT regime at the St Paul's community



At Mass of the Holy Spirit at Cristo Rey DLS HS Oakland: Edmond, John, and me



Halen and I took in a Giants game against the Tigers (5-2); great seats and excellent company



Brian Dybowski spoke about Art Carroll during his birthday celebration at HFC



From the Archives: Amedy Esquibel (NOSF) with students in Bluefields, Nicaragua in 1955

“The Eucharist is my home, my food for the journey, and my sure path to growing in love of both God and my neighbor.” K. Muensterman

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