

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

23 September 2025



LaSalle Yakima board member Lawrence Haley joined Javi, John, and Dan for dinner to check out the local food scene

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Our school leaders at DCCA in Denver;
- Peace in the world and in ourselves;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Our legal teams dealing with our litigation;
- Consolation for those in mourning;
- Those caring for aging parents;
- Healing for Bosco Truong, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Richard Moratto, Joseph Pham;
- Walter Durham who is now in hospice care;
- The needs of our young Brothers and those in discernment.



Halen Gamino with CHSLA Lasallian Youth at Union Rescue Mission kitchen

My travels and assorted news...

From New Orleans, I flew to Philadelphia and drove to Ocean Rest on the New Jersey shore for the first in-person gathering of the Lasallian Spirituality Fellows. Eight of us make up the first cohort who will make a deep dive into Lasallian writings and spirituality. There are two other Brothers: **Dennis Cronin** (President at Bishop Loughlin HS) and **Bob Kinsler** (LaSalle University Campus Minister). **Bill Mann** is guiding our provocative readings and facilitating our discussions. **Robert Schieler** led a guided reflection on one afternoon. This experience is one more example of the Holy Spirit calling our Lasallian Partners to a deeper commitment to the Mission. The five Partners are curious, passionate, and faith-filled. Each is an inspirational Lasallian! My personal hope is that this program will deepen my own understanding of and appreciation for our tradition so that I can share it with others and be of more service to our communities and schools. It has already helped to humanize our Founder and to assist me in making connections between his life and mine. We will meet for each of the next 18 months, mostly on zoom, to discuss the readings. (I tried to get in some good walks and salt air during my time. A group of us even explored the boardwalk.)

“Jesus Christ is in our midst to impart his Holy Spirit to us... to unite us to one another...” **DLS**

The District Chief Administrators Association (DCCA) gathered in Denver this week. I welcomed them, gave some District updates, and shared a reflection from Michel Sauvage on the role of the Paschal Mystery in the Lasallian Mission. Love for the mission leads to sacrifice, pain, death to self, and new life. In short, we imitate Christ. There was a very informative panel presentation on AI in schools. It was made up of Mullen HS parents! They gave powerful testimony about why they chose a Lasallian education for their child. Some standout comments were: *They really care about every student. They create space to practice their Catholic faith. They emphasize a balance in life. They build up the whole person.* Proud president Raul Cardenas and principal Sam Govea gave tours of the campus. The three days provide built in time for busy administrators to come away to pray, learn, commiserate, and celebrate together.

The Review Board met last Thursday at MLS. This independent board provides oversight to ensure that the District is complying with safety plan standards on Brothers who have abused students. We're grateful to **Edmond Larouche** and **Thomas Jones** for serving on this board.



Dr. Tony Behan (DLSNO) and I represent SFNO in the 1st Lasallian Spirituality Fellows cohort

Miscellaneous...

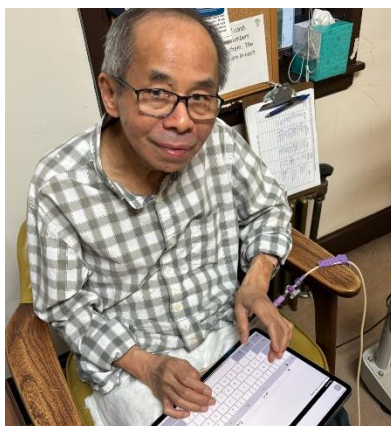
Fortunat Phong and the LaSalle Youth Group of dancers and drummers has returned from their latest performance in Washington, DC. Forty-three youth with thirty-four parents (as supporting actors, actresses) participated in the event called "Vietnamerica, the Musical." It commemorated the 50 years in the US after the fall of South Vietnam. The organizers generously covered the cost of travel, room and board.

Sacred Heart Cathedral's 36th Annual Walkathon was a tremendous success, raising over \$300,000 to support the Abusharkh Family Sports Medicine Center, as well as student scholarships and travel grants.

Over the weekend, **Chris Brady** represented the Brothers at the funeral of Sister Marian Irvine, OP, former principal of Justin-Siena HS. She was known as "The Running Nun" as she took up running later in life and remained committed to competition.



Go Dodgers! Halen, Rafa, and Roch attended a CHSLA Father-Son Event at beautiful Dodger Stadium



Joseph Pham uses a feeding tube once a day to keep up his caloric intake



Martin "The Cisco Kid" DeMartini keeps his poker skills sharpened at HFC



John Mai led the music and singing for the recent 7th grade retreats at CBS in City Park



Laurence Konersmann enjoyed his trip to Camp Saint Joseph on the Russian River



Fred Van Haaften enjoyed the ferry ride to San Francisco during a recent community outing

"God invites the Brother to hope, to begin anew each morning – in spite of disappointments, lack of progress, and insurmountable obstacles." M. Sauvage

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