

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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The Four Horsemen of Saint Michael's: Rich, Jim, Joe, and Peter took a drive up to see the aspens at the Santa Fe Ski Basin

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors;
- The Holy Spirit to work through our Religion teachers;
- Grace and strength for our dedicated directors;
- Those in need of healing, especially: Bosco Truong, Brian Dybowski, Chance Crews, Russ Rucetti, and Patricia Vega;
- Those in hospice: Richard Moratto and Walter Durham,
- Those caring for aged parents;
- Justice and healing for victims of abuse.



Moms at the Wine Tasting: Halen, Matthew, and David's proud mothers

My travels and assorted news...

The final session of the DCAA wrapped up with the presidents and principals going through the synodal process to provide feedback for District leadership on the efficacy of our District Action Plan.

The monthly LEC meeting was on Thursday. Our focus was approving school budgets (lots of follow up questions) and Lasallian formation plans (staff and students). Also, we discussed potential issues facing some of our schools.

On Friday, Bob Carrejo and I represented the District at the naming dedication of the new classroom building at Mullen HS. A \$5 million gift, the largest to a high school in CO history, was the result of the family being impressed by the positive experience their daughter had during her freshmen year. Mullen's Lasallian values lined up with the family's value of transformative quality Catholic education. It was a sign of Providence at work!

"De La Salle made himself poor with the poor, for the sake of the poor." Bannon 81

The 2025 Brother Timothy Wine Tasting and Dinner on Saturday was a huge success thanks to the efforts of our wonderful Lasallian community. Special recognition to Tom Coughlin, **Mark Murphy**, Holly Clark (and her family), and **Antony Doss** for the organization and marshalling an impressive army of Brothers (from across the district) and Partner volunteers. Many volunteer year after year! The event honored Justin-Siena HS alumnus Bill Dodd. As a result, we served over 180 guests for dinner; an increase of a third from recent years! Shout out to the full table from Christian Brothers School in New Orleans for traveling so far! Kudos for all the support from the Justin-Siena table! Before he led the grace, Oakland Bishop Michael Barber took the opportunity to express his sincere thanks to the Brothers and Partners for their educational ministry and positive impact. Later, Bill Dodd also reflected on the lasting influence of the many Brothers who taught him at JSHS. **Lawrence Haley** took outstanding photos of the event. As always, the set-up and service were outstanding! Kudos to the facilities team and wait staff. We're grateful to Chef Ismael Alvarez and his cooking team for providing another feast. It was a blessed event.



Aidan Kilty and Edmond Larouche with CRDLS HS principal Jessica Murray at wine tasting

Miscellaneous...

Richard Moratto is using morphine more regularly now to deal with increasing discomfort and pain. Walter Durham, **Paul-Andre's** brother, is not responding well to treatments. Please keep both in your prayers. **Peter Dudenheffer** and **Richard Kovatch** drove together to Santa Fe to spend some with the Saint Michael's community and to dry out in beautiful NM fall. At the end of his time as director, the MLS community gave **Tom Westberg** the present of a Giants game package. **David Sinitiere** and **George Van Grieken** joined him recently to watch them defeat the Rockies. **John Montgomery** and **Javi Hansen** attended a Mariners vs Dodgers game in Seattle. The Dodgers emerged victorious! Bishop James Checcio has been named as coadjutor for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Known for his administrative skills and business acumen, we're excited because he earned his MBA from LaSalle University!



Two Servants of Christ Jesus, Brothers Andrew and Nathaniel, serve on Mullen's faculty as Religion teachers



At a La Salle Yakima pep rally, Javi Hansen gets a pie in the face...



In isolation with shingles, Richard Orona enjoyed wine on the sun deck



Former state senator, Bill Dodd, was honored for service to community and Justin-Siena HS



Bishop Michael Barber of Oakland led the guests in grace before dinner



David Caretti recently collaborated with Sister Lisa Laguna, DC, on some vocational efforts

"Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free." Psalm 146:7

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