

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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On the rare day that the MLS community were all present: George, Kevin, Donald, Tom, Nick, David, Ken, and Robert

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The repose of the souls of Richard Moratto and Walter Durham plus consolation for their communities;
- The needs of school Vocation Coordinators;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Walter Durham in hospice care;
- Those in need of healing; especially Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joe Kirk, Bosco Truong, Joseph Pham, Chance Crews, and Russ Rucetti;
- Those in discernment and in transition;
- The needs of our Brothers in formation and our contacts.



Thumbs up to Rafa Rodriguez for completing the Long Beach Marathon

My travels and assorted news...

Traveled to Los Angeles to make my first canonical visit of the year to the Cathedral HS community. I witnessed first-hand the chaotic creative energy behind-the-scenes as **Roch Dufresne's** KCHS crew prepared for their first show. I was impressed by the level of professionalism and honest feedback exchanged. As a community director, he's open, generous, and flexible. On top of being a very busy guest master, **Dan Fenton** is wrapping up the last weeks of a long-term substitution which began last semester. Thank you, Dan! About to begin his eighth decade, **James Meegan** remains very involved. He teaches a Great Books course, assists with grant writing, supervises the library in the afternoons, and is an invaluable connection for the alumni. Now in his third year at CHS, **Halen Gamino** teaches Algebra II and Business Math. He is also the moderator for Lasallian Youth and a regular speaker in the parent formation sessions (Donuts with De La Salle). Assisting the principal with developing Lasallian formation and culture, **Rafa Rodriguez** also teaches four classes of Religion I. To maintain balance, he runs, plays on a softball team, and visits family. The Brothers are committed to prayer, community life, and to the students of CHS.

"We are unprofitable servants; we have done that we were obliged to do." Luke 17:10

During my time in LA, joined a construction meeting via zoom. The architect, contractor, and our staff continue to explore potential renovations to the first floor of the old novitiate to repurpose it as additional conference center space. This would enable us to book two events simultaneously. We're transitioning from the "dream" stage to the "what-can-we-afford" stage. The two MLS directors will join our next meeting at which we'll look at more clear budget projections and updated drawings.

Chris Brady, Mike Daniels, and I are currently at the RCCB meeting of regional leaders at the Midwest District's offices in Burr Ridge. A major topic of discussion was the CBS Retirement situation currently facing some of our schools. The retirement is underfunded and we discussed what steps the Districts might take to assist our school leaders to arrive at the best possible and most informed solution. General Councilor **Chris Patiño** made various presentations on Institute initiatives, and we were able to share our concerns with him. Our plans for a synodal-style Mission Assembly and District Chapter are aligned with what's happening in other Districts.



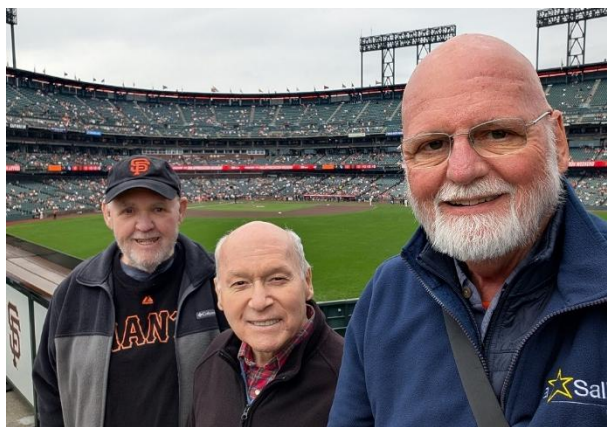
Halen Gamino prepping for his next class of Business Math with juniors and seniors

Miscellaneous...

Richard Moratto passed peacefully early Friday afternoon. **Martin DiMartini** was blessed to be with him as he entered eternity. Our healthcare workers took tender and personal care of Richard. Please remember to give thanks for our dedicated staff. Walter Durham, **Paul-Andre's** twin, passed on Saturday after a lengthy illness. Paul-Andre will be in Los Angeles to assist with arrangements.

On Friday, visited DeMarillac Academy to see all the renovations which were done over the summer. A new roof, fixed wall cracks, repainting the outside walls, and resealing all the windows. Kudos to president Theresa Houghton for the mighty effort and thanks to the Shea Foundation!

Aidan Kilty wrapped up his three-week visit to Mont La Salle. It's an annual trek and an opportunity to catch up with his good friend **Donald Johanson**. The grapes on the surrounding vineyards to MLS



Tom Westberg, David Sinitiere, and George Van Grieken caught the Giants vs Rockies at Oracle Park in San Francisco



Mark Murphy and Mary Jane Hagan go over final details of wine tasting event



Dan, Rafa, Halen, Roch, and James pose at the end of a community meeting



Joey and Lisa Scaffidi hosted a table of CBS guests at the Br Timothy Tasting and Dinner



Richard Moratto: educator, formator, novice master, retreat director, + spiritual director



Director of Education Mike Daniels and Chris Brady with Chris Patiño at RCCB meeting

“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord...” 2 TM 1:7-8

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