

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

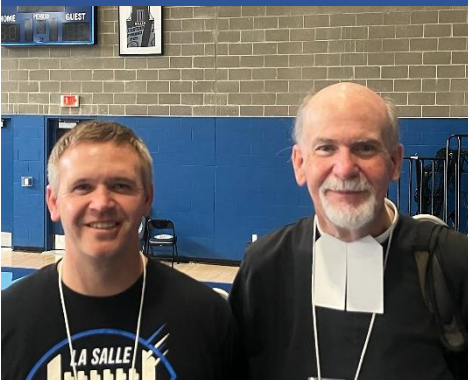
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Andy Kuffner did formation on the Five Lasallian Principles with various members of the DLSI staff at Mont La Salle

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Dat Hoang and Chris Patino who serve abroad;
- The needs of our young Brothers in formation;
- The needs of Saint Mary's College;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Joseph Pham, Carter Powers, Chance Crews, Patricia Vega, and Russ Rucetti;
- Those in discernment;
- Grace and strength for our directors;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Swift and fair resolution to our litigation;
- An increase of vocations to the Brothers.



La Salle Yakima teacher Cody Lamb with Dan Morgan at DLSNC for NW mtg

My travels and assorted news...

The RCCB meetings were fruitful. They are always productive and conversations about how to work collectively are essential as we face future realities together.

On Thursday and Friday, I attended meetings of the Trustees of Saint Mary's College. **Donald Johanson** and **Chris Brady** joined **Ernest Miller** (DENA), **Gustavo Ramirez** (MXN), **David Caretti**, and me as Trustees. Having served on the board before, they contributed immediately with insights and provocative questions. The college continues to face financial challenges but the Brother Trustees agree that we're blessed with a cadre of uniquely talented uniquely and committed Trustees with the financial and change management experience necessary to assist the SMC leadership in achieving short-term goals. The Board is united in purpose and in support of the president, Roger Thompson.

On Sunday, **Chris Brady** traveled to Lutz, FL, for the CMSM Safeguarding Ministry Conference. This is part of the Brothers' ongoing commitment to ensure safe environments for students. It is also time to renew our Praesidium accreditation and Chris has begun the documentation.

"It is in the poor that Christ continues to suffer and rise again and where the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self." DT 76

Last Friday, the inaugural Lasallian Pacific Symposium gathered the staffs of La Salle Yakima, La Salle Milwaukie, and De La Salle North Catholic HS in Portland. The theme was *Working, Praying, Resting: A Lasallian Journey* (Mark 1:32-39). **Ernest Miller** (DENA) delivered the keynote address. **Javi Hansen** served on panel and led a breakout session on the history of our District. It was an effective way to help staff members realize that they are part of a larger and neighboring Lasallian family.

Over the weekend, **Steven Vasoli**, **Matthew Chiantella**, **Halen Gamino**, and **Rafa Rodriguez** traveled to Darien, IL, for the regional Brothers in Formation gathering. The theme was on community. These biannual gatherings ensure that the young Brothers of the region know and support one another. It's also a chance for our three young Brothers to see each other.

Jack Curran (DENA), who works with development for Bethlehem University, was invited by Bishop Kicanas to speak at a fundraiser, in Tucson. **Martin Vu** and **Jack Henderson** also attended the evening. Jack stayed with the Brothers and I visited briefly with him at the airport as he was being dropped off and I was getting picked up.



A comfort dog at SHCP helped Joseph, Kenneth, and the students to relax

Miscellaneous...

Thank you to the Cathedral LA Brothers and school community for holding a memorial service for Walter Durham. **Paul-Andre** and members of his family were present and grateful. Kudos to SMC alumnus **Íñigo Riola** on being officially installed as President of De La Salle University at Dasmariñas. He's been on the job since last spring and continues as Auxiliary Visitor. **Fred Van Haaften** has returned to Corrales, NM, for extended stay with his daughter in Corrales, NM. **Bill Hughes'** brother and sister-in-law visited with him at HFC last week.

John Hoover provided an update on his freshmen Chance Crews: After his accident, he's now in Critical Care in Vacaville. His eyes are open, he recognized John, and can hold his hand. Responds to questions with his eyebrows and finger. Eventually, the right side of his skull will need reconstruction. Please continue to keep Chance and his family in your prayers.



Rafa, Halen, and Matthew at the Brothers at the Initial Formation Gathering in Darien, IL



DMA President Theresa Houghton gave me tour of the beautiful renovations



Jack Henderson with his rescue reptile, the latest addition to his growing menagerie



Íñigo Riola was installed as the 10th president of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas



John Huelskamp (LS), Sarah Maher (DLSNC) and Ernest Miller at LS Pacific Symposium



Gale, Richard, and Jerry with Jeff Ramon at SPS prayer service with relics of St. Thérèse

"We, too, are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed to share in his work of liberation as [God's] instruments..." Delexi Te 2

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