

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

28 October 2025



John Montgomery, Javi Hansen, and Dan Morgan took me to the Grotto of the Sorrowful Mother overlooking Portland

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The needs of our Board Chairs;
- Blessings on our Campus Life personnel;
- Consolation for the mourning; especially the Barclay, Orsi, and Fabiano families;
- Those in transition;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Richard Orona, Joseph Pham, Bosco Truong, Chance Crews, Patricia Vega, and Russ Rucetti;
- Wholeness and justice for victims of abuse;
- The needs of our young Brothers;
- Those in discerning a vocation as a religious.



Contact Tim Phelps (SMC) observed and interacted with John's freshmen

My travels and assorted news...

Thank you to the Brothers who were able to attend **Richard Moratto's** funeral and burial on Friday. The event brought peace and fellowship to many. Last Tuesday, I joined **Chris Brady** and Pamela Gleeson for a day of mediation in San Francisco. The situation is progressing with a credible amount now being discussed for a potential settlement. We hope that plaintiffs and their attorneys are motivated to settle due to the length of this wearying process. A key will be the willingness of the insurance carriers to finally participate in a fair manner. Made the quarterly All Company Meeting presentation to Brothers and DLSI staff. It's an opportunity to thank everyone for their important work and to show what's happening around the district. Campus Life school staff gathered at the Russian River last week to share best practices and to support one another. **Matthew Chiantella**, **Halen Gamino**, and **Rafa Rodriguez** participated and **David Caretti** made a brief presentation. **Ken Boesch** and I drove up to join the group for social and dinner. I was able to thank this group for the important role they play on their respective campuses: evangelizing and engaging students to help develop the whole person.

"Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 JN 4:20)

Ricardo Palacio came up with the notion of HFC hosting a dinner for staff and spouses as an expression of gratitude. Director **Lawrence Haley**, assisted by **Richard Orona**, hosted the dinner last week. CNA's, housekeepers, kitchen staff, facilities, grounds staff, and guests enjoyed a perfect Napa evening. A local taco truck cooked up a delicious dinner with sixty guests and Brothers spread out in the conference dining room and pebble garden. The Christian Brothers Services Retirement program is underfunded and has presented schools with options to address the issue. Our Office of Education and Finance Department are generating ways to assist schools in getting the best choices. We met with board chairs and presidents last week. I'm engaging the Visitors to consider a regional response. Spent Friday at the La Salle Milwaukie campus. What a joyous community in which to learn! Students are engaged in their learning, curious, and confident. Dropped in a few classes to interact with students. I met up with the Yakima community at the DLSNC 25th anniversary gala where there was a record number of guests for the dinner and auction. By night's end, they raised \$975,150 (a record). Philanthropist and longtime



GVG reminisced with Lyn Johnson about her quarter century of service at the Russian River

Miscellaneous...

supporter, Mary Boyle, announced that her family would match every dollar raised! Praise God!

On Saturday, **Dan Morgan** gave me his tour of Portland. His civic pride and knowledge shone! Traveled up to Yakima through the autumnal splendor of the Columbia River Gorge.

This Monday DLSI hosted a reception for Jim Stice and Lyn Johnson, longtime caretakers of Saint Joseph Camp, as they retire. They will rent a house in Bodega Bay as they look for their forever home. Both expressed their gratitude to the Brothers for this amazing opportunity and adventure! We wish them health and peace.

The San Miguel EOL immersion program will be featured in a documentary shot by local film makers. Tucson Solidarity Night brought together film makers, supporters, and EOL staff for a fundraiser.



As a sign of their appreciation, HFC hosted a taco-truck-thank-you dinner for MLS staff to enjoy



Michael Meister at the reception after the burial of Richard Moratto



Met proud former MLS junior from 1965, Bob Grist, at DLSNC fundraiser



Jim Stice with Mary Jane Hagan and Pamela Gleeson at their gratitude reception at MLS



Ken Boesch caught up on St Paul's news from Campus Minister Jeff Ramon



Chris Brady assisting Richard Moratto's sister-in-law at Richard's burial at MLS

"Give God the honor he has commanded and let the poor benefit from your riches. God does not need golden vessels, but golden souls." John Chrysostom

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