

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Kenneth Curley and Joe Kirk celebrated Joseph Fabiano's 87th birthday at Benihana's in neighboring Japantown

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Holy Spirit to inspire the young to consider the vocation of a religious;
- The needs of the DLSI Finance Department;
- Religion faculty;
- The needs of veterans and their families;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Joseph Pham, Chance Crews, Patricia Vega, Russ Ricetti, and Jesusita Barela;
- Consolation for those in mourning, especially the Tripp family;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- A swift and fair end to our mediation process.



At MLS, Joseph Pham with his sister , Chi-Lan, who visited from Vietnam

My travels and assorted news...

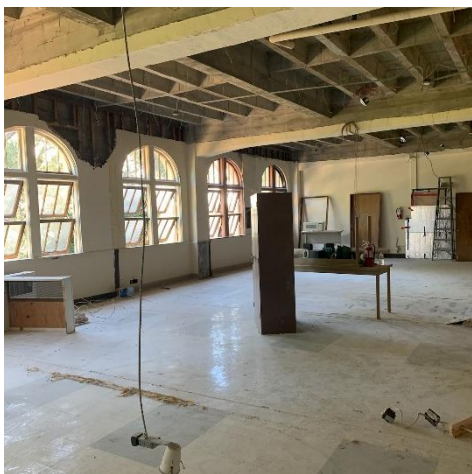
The sophomore class of **Justin-Siena HS** was split into three groups with each spending the day at MLS last week. The new Campus Minister, Ryan Christ, is a proud Gael and volunteered for a year at the Lasallian retreat center in Kintbury, England. The students were cooperative, positive, and pleased to be on site. The Brothers were quite happy to see them.

Charlie Legendre, AFSC organized a gathering of Religion Chairs at our conference center from Thursday – Saturday. To underscore the importance of catechesis in our schools, he invited the Vicar General, **Carlos Gomez**, to address the group. This topic is most important to Carlos who made two presentations on the inspiration of Lasallian Catholic religious education as well as exploring connections to *Dilexiti Te*. The chairs were appreciative of Carlos' personal reflections and global perspective. On Saturday morning, **David Caretti** discussed paths to creating a culture of vocation in schools. He used language from *The Pilgrim's Handbook*. The group was engaged and committed to following up with pragmatic ideas. Finally, Thomas Guro (CBHS) and Mary Alice Spinelli (JSHS) rolled out a resource they created to teach new students and faculty about the life of the Founder and to

“To God whose power at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—to him be glory! EPH 3:20

introduce them to the Lasallian world. Seth Alexander (CBHS) also collaborated with them. They will present their work at the upcoming Huether Conference and share the textbook plus slide shows with faculty. This is an example of Lasallians solving problems together to advance the Mission.

The renovation project in the former novitiate space has begun with the demolition of plaster from the ceilings and knocking down a wall in the novitiate chapel to creating one large conference meeting space. Opening the ceiling allows for the plumbing work necessary to create five new bathrooms for the new bedrooms on the second floor. One big discovery is that the current plumbing for the existing bedroom sinks is in the poured concrete. The facilities crew and conference staff are busy sorting the furnishings; identifying what can be reused in the new space, what can be given away or sold, and what needs to be thrown away. **Chris Donnelly** is working with contractor and architects to communicate clearly with our leadership team.



Plaster from ceiling and walls removed in the old novitiate first floor; chapel wall removed

Miscellaneous...

Donald Johanson is in Rome for his final meeting of the International Economic Council. **Joseph Pham's** sister, Chi-Lan from Binh Trieu-Thu Duc in Vietnam came to the US to visit him. She is a supporter of Lasallian works in Vietnam. She drove up with family from Orange County. Joseph has been volunteering in our archives every day. **Martin Vu** flew up last Friday to pick up a car from our fleet to replace a community vehicle in Tucson. He insisted on driving all the way to Tucson on Saturday. After arriving, he noted that he won't be doing that again!

Lawrence Haley and **Paul-Andre Durham** worked overtime to move furniture from the old novitiate bedrooms into the newly renovated four *en suite* bedrooms in HFC. It matches and is better quality than what was there before! I appreciate how much energy and time these two put into creating a comfortable, safe, and attractive living space for their community.



Ken Boesch, Catherine Tonry (SPS), Tony Behan (DLSNO), and Charlie Legendre, AFSC, at Religion Chairs Gathering



Carlos Gomez reconnected with Peter deGroot about updates from Ethiopia



Robert O'Kane made a wish as he blew out the candle at his 79th birthday



The HFC had a Halloween celebration with a firepit, smores, and some spooky guests



Mary Alice Spinelli and Thomas Guro created a new LS resource for freshmen



Javi Hansen leading a prayer experience in the beautiful chapel at La Salle campus in Yakima

“Every minute we can find a Lazarus if we seek him, and every day, even without seeking, we find one at our door.” Gregory the Great

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