

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

22 April 2025



Brothers and family brought Stanislaus Campbell's coffin into the chapel at Mont La Salle

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- In thanksgiving for the life and example of Pope Francis;
- Those in mourning;
- Those in discernment or transition;
- Justice and healing for the victims of sexual abuse and the for the accused;
- Healing for Brian Dybowski, Bosco Troung, Peter Tripp, Joseph Pham, John Hoover, Eliza Ribera, and all fighting cancer;
- Those struggling with mental illness and their families;
- Needs of our young Brothers and contacts;
- Vocations to the consecrated life.



Joseph Pham and Peter Iorlano (DENA) welcomed Chris Patiño to Bethlehem

My travels and assorted news...

Stanislaus Campbell's funeral last Wednesday was evidence of his wide and lasting impact on the legacy San Francisco District. In his decades as a formator and in district administration, Stan's steady presence, intellect, and kindness touched many. Thus, there was a strong presence of Lasallian partners (past and present), former Brothers, current and former DLSI staff, and many Brothers to honor Stan's memory. Kudos to **Tom Westberg** for organizing the event, **George Van Grieken** for preparing the program, and **Dan Morgan** for producing a clear livestream of the funeral. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Mont La Salle for all they did to make the funeral, burial, and reception a true celebration of and gratitude for Stan's life.

Thirteen Brothers (from 9 communities), three partners, and one contact traveled to Mont La Salle to celebrate the Holy Triduum. **Mark Murphy, Bernie LoCoco, Rafa Rodriguez, Simon Hoang, Valery An, Martin Vu, Peter Phu, Jack Henderson, Fr. Tom McElligott, David Caretti, Joseph Fabiano, Fortunat Phong, Bosco Troung, Brian Dybowski, Thomas Guro, Seth Alexander,** and contact Tim Phelps volunteered to fill roles in the major

*“Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?
He is not here, but he has been raised.” LK 24:5*

liturgies. Carmelite provincial Father Matthew was the celebrant. Kudos to **George Van Grieken** for preparing the liturgical aids before traveling abroad and to all who served as part of the various liturgies.

My thanks to the **Election Committee** for organizing and implementing the latest round of electronic voting for District Council. Their hard work behind the scenes makes our voting much simpler and efficient.

Globetrotting **Dat Hoang** traveled with family to Rome for the Jubilee Year. He wrote about some of his experiences. An *“unforgettable moment was on Holy Thursday morning, when we joined various groups in a solemn procession of the Cross—from the very end of Saint Peter's Square all the way to the front of the main altar inside the Basilica. It was my first time to hear the rosary in many different languages at the same time, an incredible expression of unity and faith.”*

“As always, Rome was packed with tourists and pilgrims. It was really moving to see so many pilgrims from all over the world gathered in the



Good Friday services being celebrated at Mont La Salle; the celebrant is Carmelite Fr. Matthew

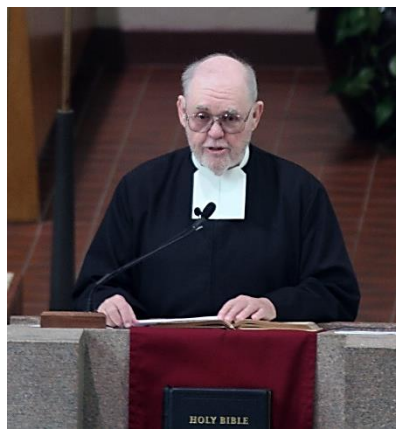
Miscellaneous...

Eternal City in this Jubilee Year during the Holy Week. One of the highlights of our trip was being able to celebrate the Eucharist on Holy Wednesday with Father Minh, a good friend of my sister, in one of the small chapels not far from the tomb of Saint John Paul II, in the Vatican Grottoes. It was an intimate and powerful moment. I took time then to remember and pray for Bro. Stan, my former novice Director, who had such a profound influence on me during my initial formation years." We wish Dat a safe journey.

Matthew Chiantella was in Rome when news of Pope Francis' death broke. He's travelling with a youth group from the Tucson diocese. The community in Covington happily reported that a pair of geese laid eggs on the pond's island. Seven goslings hatched and took their first swim at Saint Paul's before taking off with their parents.



Brothers and DLSI staff joined together for a Holy Week prayer service and luncheon



Director Tom Westberg welcomed all to Stan Campbell's funeral Mass



Dat Hoang and his mother at Saint Peter's Basilica in the early morning



John Hoover and DLS Concord teacher Mailie Shelly volunteered at local crisis center



Martin DeMartini showed off his new wheels to Jack Henderson



Chris Brady coached the Campbell grand-nephew and grand-niece at the Offertory

"We know that the truly new way is Jesus Christ, by following him, by walking with him, our lives are transformed; in turn we become leaven, salt, and light." Pope Francis

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