

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Fr. Lasalle, Chris, Robert, Richard O, Patrick, George, Richard L, Kenneth, and me bringing in the New Year at Camp St. Joseph

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- A strong start for the new semester;
- Peace in our hearts and in the world;
- Repose of the soul of Ron Gallagher and the consolation of his family and community;
- Healing for Christopher Brady, Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Paul-André and Walter Durham, Fr. Rico Hernandez; and Eliza Ribera;
- Healing and justice for survivors of abuse and the accused;
- The Holy Spirit's blessing on our vocation team's efforts at SEEK;
- Those discerning a vocation to religious life.



Rafa and David with a San Miguel HS Tucson alumna at SEEK conference

## My travels and assorted news...

Host **Richard Lemberg** lived up to his well-earned reputation on New Year Eve's at Saint Joseph Camp. He single-handedly prepared a feast for ten guests! Most Brothers had been at the camp since the day after Christmas so that's lots of meals for Chef Lemberg! At 9:00 PM PST (midnight on the east coast), we yelled "huzzah!" on the porch and blew horns to ring in the new year. Later, I realized that the last new year's party I attended was in 2000. Every quarter century feels about right.

If you've visited my office, you know that I'm a notorious stacker of papers "that I'll get back to..." but never do. I seized the opportunity to declutter, recycle, and file during the quiet office days over the holidays. Happy to report great progress on this front: down to one final stack to attack.

Was blessed to be with **Ron Gallagher, Thomas Jones**, and Mary Kelly when Ron decided to go on hospice. In the following days, I was blessed to visit him, pray for him, and witness (again) the tender care of our dedicated healthcare staff for our Brothers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...

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*"Hope calls us to be upset with things that are wrong and to find the courage to change them." Pope Francis*

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Our hard-working vocation team (**Luis Angel Enríquez, Rafael Rodriguez, and David Caretti**) was in Salt Lake City most of last week to help staff a vocation booth at the SEEK Conference. Over 20,000 Catholic college students attend this annual event. It's a rare opportunity to reach out to young men whose Catholic faith matters and are open to discerning a vocation. A number of alumni from our high schools dropped by to greet the Brothers. One was Ceila Paz (SMHS) who credits **Jack Henderson** with her major in exercise science. **JD Macioce** and **Paul Avento** from LEAD plus **Larry Schatz, Matt Kotek, Dylan Perry, and Mark Englemeyer** from the Midwest were also a presence at the three-day affair. Thank you to Luis Angel for the photos. May the Holy Spirit magnify our vocation efforts!

**Thomas Westberg** and his family held a celebration of life in honor of his late sister. This was followed by a meal together. His active great-nephew was delighted with our resident flock of chickens! **Donald Johanson** hosted **Sergio Leal**, the Institute Bursar, and his family from Vallejo. They come up to see Mont La Salle. The family is originally from Colombia.



Joseph Pham (rt) with some of the Bethlehem University community

## Miscellaneous...

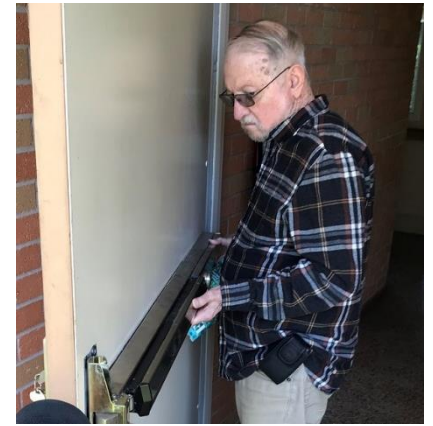
We give a shout out to jubilarian **Lawrence Haley** who noted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his robing. This generous Brother flew down to Los Angeles to assist **Paul-André Durham**, who injured his foot, with driving back to Napa. Lawrence always enjoys being back at CHSLA where he spent many happy years. The HFC chapel is elegantly decorated for the Christmas season with **Ronald Roggenback's** unique mahogany nativity set from his time in Africa with shepherds, water buffalo, giraffes, and, even, elephants! As a hobby, **Ricardo Palacio** makes greeting cards. Moved the need he saw firsthand at La Salle Blackfeet School in Montana, he's selling the cards for \$3.00 each. All proceeds go to the Blackfeet school. Reach out at [brotherricardopalacio@gmail.com](mailto:brotherricardopalacio@gmail.com) if you're interested in supporting this good cause. **John Montgomery** and his sister, Mary, flew down to Cabo San Lucas, MX, for a sunny Christmas break.



SMC R1: Kenneth, Chris D, Fr. Tom, Richard, Anthony; R2 Chris B, Thomas, Luis Angel, Glenn, and Steven on Xmas Eve



Kenneth Cardwell read by the fire at Saint Joseph Camp on New Year's



Locksmith Jerry Vincent helped to repair a broken panic bar lock at St. Paul's



A jolly Charles Miller decked out in Christmas attire for the holidays



Dylan Perry and Mark Engelmeyer share information with college students at SEEK



Ron Gallagher's younger sister, Sharon, came to visit him at the Holy Family Community

*"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might have life through him."* 1 John 4:9

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