

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

24 February 2026



The Three Johns: Montgomery, O'Neill, and Hoover during a break at the District Day at Mont La Salle

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- In thanksgiving for the fidelity of our jubilarians;
- Blessings on the Superior General's visit to NOLA;
- Healing for Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Bosco Truong,
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Consolation for those in mourning; especially the Dufresne family;
- A just and swift settlement to our abuse cases;
- The needs of those in vocation ministry;
- Those in discernment and in transition;
- Needs of our elder Brothers.



Mike Daniels, Ricky Dominguez, and Mariano Lopez at Saint Michael's

My travels and assorted news...

Last Tuesday the District held an online Visitor Nominee Forum. Brothers were able to hear from and interact with the three nominees: **Chris Brady**, **George Van Grieken**, and me. It was a positive exchange of ideas and concerns. I'm grateful to the Election Committee, **Roch Dufresne**, and **Lawrence Haley** for setting up the forum. We give a shout out to **James Joost** for moderating. The votes should be sent to District Secretary Denise Mancuso who will send the package to the General Council in Rome.

On Friday morning, the Lasallian Education Corporation (LEC) met for their monthly session. It's the time of year when we approve school audits, which ensure that school finances are being faithfully stewarded. We also read school LCAP updates and formation plans. These reports demonstrate that the Lasallian Mission is being lived out, invested in, and adapting to the needs of each campus. Because the reports deal with the Mission, only the Member of LEC, **Chris Brady** and me, vote to approve, approve conditionally, or send it back to address our concerns. The Holy Spirit is working through the local formation teams!

*"Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me."* Psalm 51:2

District Day was celebrated in Napa on Saturday. There is a palpable fraternal joy at these gatherings. Brothers may live near one another but this day provided an excellent reason to be together and reconnect. The day began with morning prayer created by **Charlie Legendre**, AFSC. I made a presentation on the state of the District to the assembly. Key topics were a briefing on the Christian Brothers Pension Plan, our impending abuse settlements, and challenges to maintaining our current communities. Brothers discussed the latter and offered feedback, challenges, and questions. All were appreciated! Kudos to our spirited organist **Ken Boesch**, our photographer **Martin Vu**, liturgist **George Van Grieken**, cat herder Denise Mancuso, our wonderful event staff, and our director **Chris Brady**. At the delicious luncheon, jubilarians **Dan Morgan** (50 years) and **Robert O'Kane** (60 years) were highlighted and each spoke about their respective journeys, Providence, and those who accompanied them on the journey. Praise God we celebrate twenty-three jubilarians this year. What a blessing! Let's keep our District Dean, **John O'Neill**, in our prayers. He is relishing his 80th year as a Brother!



In Covington, Nurse Brandi Talamo snuck a picture of John Mai practicing the flute

Miscellaneous...

Kudos to the energetic **Fortunat Phong** for being a presenter at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress again this year. It was standing-room-only at his two Vietnamese-language presentations.

Congratulations to **Javi Hansen** on being appointed to the national board for *Fe y Vida*, a parish youth group and youth leadership development program. This religious formation program targets Hispanic-serving parishes and embraces the Lasallian charism.

Tim Joy, former teacher and administrator at La Salle Milwaukie and DLSNC, is the author of *The Beautiful Work: Contemplations on Why We Teach*. It's a collection of his weekly message to faculty over the course of a school year. Tim is a stirring spiritual author. Check it out!

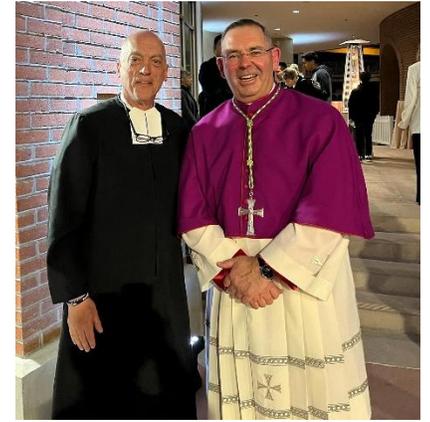
John Mai will be going to LASSCA in Houston as part of the music group to support the liturgies.



Larry Puck, AFSC, was one five affiliated members who joined us for the District Day celebration in Napa



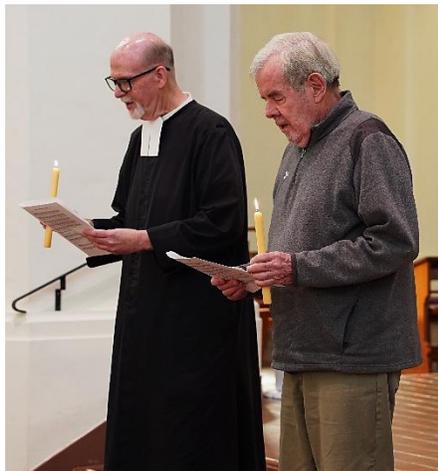
Ken Boesch explained Mardi Gras symbols and practices to Westerners



Jack Henderson helped welcome Bishop Misko to Tucson



Joseph Pham with Simon Hoang at the District Day Mass at the main chapel



Jubiliarians Dan Morgan and Robert O'Kane pronounced their vows before the Brothers



Board Member Lawrence Haley at the Ash Wednesday Mass at La Salle HS in Yakima

“Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness” Joel 2:12-13

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