

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Five student leaders from Saint Paul's School took the General Councillors on a tour of their expansive and beautiful campus

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The grace needed to pursue Lenten conversion;
- Joe Haley, Lawrence's brother;
- The needs of our elder Brothers;
- Brother Armin and the General Council;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Blessings on the LASSCA gathering;
- All those battling cancer;
- Healing for Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Martin DeMartini, and the Kuffners;
- Healing and justice for abuse victims;
- Young Brothers requesting a renewal of vows.



Richard Kovatch asked our three guests from Rome a question at District Day

My travels and assorted news...

Arrived in Covington on Sunday for my community visit with the St. Paul's community. The Brothers expressed thanks for the attention and diligence of their director, **James Joost**. He is always anticipating and responding to the Brothers' needs. **Alphonse LeBlanc** is cheerfully dealing with health challenges, attending home soccer games for St. Paul's, and waving at students/parents as they arrive and depart campus. **Jerry Vincent** has been able to spend more time with his sister in New Orleans, runs errands, and is a prayer leader. **Peter Dudenheffer** makes regular runs to the pharmacy to pick up medications for the community and is ready to be of assistance as needed. **Richard Kovatch** focuses on keeping the Brothers chapel space beautiful and appropriate for the feast day/liturgical season. He is another prayer leader. **Terrance Richmeier** is bouncing back from physical setbacks but is back to his laps around the house. He's moved his stamp collection to the exercise room. **John Mai** braves the 22-mile causeway across Lake Pontchartrain every day to teach his chapel class to student at CBS City Park. He helps with liturgical music and photography. A delighted **Bill Ray** turned 80 and relished all his favorite foods at his birthday celebration. **Peter Tripp**

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Matthew 17:5

continues his full-time ministry at Christian Brothers Services. He had just returned from a two-week stay at SMC in Moraga.

I picked up **Armin Luistro**, **Chris Patiño**, and **Rafael Ceron** at the New Orleans airport on Wednesday night. Rafael was appointed to the General Council last year. He's from the District of Mexico Sur where he served in schools and in formation. We spent Thursday in New Orleans visiting De La Salle HS and the two campuses of Christian Brothers School. We had a powerful exchange with ten DLSHS students who shared their pride in being Lasallian, their personal faith, and their hopes. At the Canal Street campus, we were introduced to the elementary school students with eager high fives and enthusiastic greetings. At the City Park campus, we met with religion teachers and administration to discuss their faith-filled campus culture. That evening, CBS hosted a warm reception for board members, administrators, affiliated members, faculty, and their spouses. The Councillors delighted in sampling the delicious local cuisine. Brother Armin noted that this was his first visit to NOLA and he was deeply impressed by the Lasallian spirit.



Bill Ray expressed thanks to the Saint Paul's community for his birthday celebration

Miscellaneous...

Our southern District Day took place on Saturday morning. It was hosted by the hospitable Saint Paul's community. Brothers from Memphis, San Jose, Tucson, Napa, and Los Angeles joined us. It was a fraternal reunion. After prayer, Armin and Chris addressed the group; reflecting on what they'd encountered in their visits to area schools and reflecting on the global Institute. Rafael joined the panel to answer questions and get feedback from the Brothers. The Councillors then gave each jubilarian present a fraternal hug, a cross, and a copy of Armin's most recent pastoral letter. Milestone jubilarians honored were **Jerry Vincent** and **Peter Dudenheffer**. Jerry noted Peter's long fidelity and cheerful service to his former students and the Brothers. James described Jerry's lifelong ministry to teaching and to being director of the healthcare communities in Lafayette and Covington. The gathering ended with an exquisite feast with gumbo as the star!



Jubilarian Peter Dudenheffer embraced by the General Councillors and Armin Luistro at the Saint Paul's Chapel



James Joost spoke about jubilarian Jerry Vincent's 70 years of consecration



Chris Brady and Martin Vu directing the Brothers for a group photo in Napa



At the Saint Paul's Community, Alphonse LeBlanc and Jerry Vincent grab dinner



Armin Luistro with the Cavaliers Girls Basketball team en route to a tournament



The Superior thanked his two terrific tour guides at the Chrisitan Brothers Canal Street campus

“God saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Jesus...” 2TM 1:9

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