

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

10 March 2026



Armin, Chris, and Rafa met with the leadership of both campuses of Christian Brothers School in New Orleans

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The desire and grace to experience Lenten transformation;
- An end to war;
- The needs of our school administrators;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Edmond Larouche, the Kuffners, and Chance Crews,
- Those preparing for death and the consolation of their families;
- Our young Brothers applying for vow renewals;
- Swift and fair resolution to our legal cases;
- An increase of vocations.



In NOLA with our guests from Rome experiencing Acme Oyster House

My travels and assorted news...

On 01 March, the General Councillors and I traveled to Houston to attend the annual LASSCA Conference, a gathering of presidents and principals from the region. The theme was *Anchored in Faith* and we began with Mass. The music was provided by a group of faculty members from Christian Brothers School and Saint Paul's. **John Mai** played flute. They later provided jazz tunes during the animated social. Everyone enjoyed this group is known as The Aqua Velvets. On Monday, LASSCA president, **Joey Scaffidi**, AFSC, welcomed everyone and introduced **Armin Luistro** as the keynote speaker. Brother reflected on the challenges and opportunities which face our Institute globally. He spoke of the favorable impression our three Lasallian schools in the south made on him. The Superior noted the sense of community and faith of our students. He lauded the consistent investment in staff formation by the school leadership. Vicar **Carlos Gomez** and Councillors **Chris Patiño** with **Rafael Cerón** joined the Superior for a panel question and answer period with the attendees who were happy for the chance to interact with our Roman guests. **John Montgomery** (president) and **George Van Grieken** (booth) were also involved with the conference.

*“Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah...” PS 95:7-8*

It's invigorating to see our schools leaders away from their schools and enjoying one another. It's an opportunity to check in personally and be a support. It's also a chance to express our thanks by breaking bread together. Candace Watkins made arrangements for our District Dinner to be at Brennans Restaurant. (I had turtle soup for the first time!) Armin joined us and joined in on the fun. We thanked Pete Imperial, principal at SMCHS, and Michael Sandoval, president at St. Michael's, for their servant leadership. The Visitors met for RCCB immediately following. We had some important conversations about how to address the coming challenges of our shared futures. A group of four Christian Brothers HS in Sacramento was awarded a grant to create classroom materials for walking in the footsteps of the Founder. They'll spend some time in France this summer. They had previously created an electronic textbook introducing new students to the Founder and the Brothers. I flew to Washington, DC, for the National Advisory Council to the USCCB. I have come to appreciate the zeal this group demonstrates for their faith and God's church. We had synodal listening discussions around some topics which the Bishops are investigating. As



Matthew Chiantella and Martin Vu at San Miguel High's 24th Kairos Retreat

Miscellaneous...

noted previously, three members are graduates of our schools. They always speak with pride and gratitude for their experiences in Lasallian schools.

Edmond Larouche is having heart surgery on Friday. He asks for no visitors but appreciates your prayers. **Anthony Lenz** traveled to Fresno for three days of tennis competition last week. He's proud to announce that the SHCP Boys Tennis team captured their Division championship. A golden **Richard Orona** has returned from a week in Rosarito, Baja California, where he got some sun and loads of tacos. Per usual, he made many new friends. **Charles Miller's** sister, nieces/husbands, and one grandchild are here to help him celebrate his birthday. Luckily, the weather has been gorgeous so they're exploring the Napa Valley. Please continue to keep **Lawrence Haley's** family in your prayers as they stand vigil as their brother, Joe, is dying.



Posed with Luke Barwick's Religion III class while visiting Saint Paul's; they sent greeting to Ken Boesch



Kathy Calder, AFSC, chatted with Armin Luistro during district reception at CBS



Justin Hyuck from Liturgical Press is printing a new edition of Stanislaus' book



Terrance Richmeier listened to Armin's presentation at District Day South



Chris Brady got into the Rodeo Spirit while at LASSCA in Houston



Former community members, Dan Fenton and Chris Patiño, reconnected during a coffee break

“Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” RM 5:5

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