

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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St. Mary's College High students visited CHSLA community and campus during their Enrichment Week trip to Los Angeles

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Spirit to guide our upcoming Vow Chapter;
- Peace in Iran;
- Fair and swift conclusion to our legal cases;
- Healing for Brian Dybwoski, Bernie LoCoco, Edmond Larouche, Joseph Pham, Patricia Vega, cancer victims, and Chance Crews;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- The courage and faith to invite young people to consider a vocation;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- Young people to be open to a vocation as a religious;



At Bodin's Bistro with Kenneth, Anthony, Joe, and Joseph (SHCP Cmty)

## My travels and assorted news...

Kudos to Janet Ruggiero, AFSC, has served faithfully and selflessly for several years as the Chair of the Holy Rosary Parish Building Committee in Woodland. On Tuesday, **George Van Grieken** and **Mark Murphy** attended the four-hour dedication of the \$18.65 million church. Janet lauded that the parish community had truly come together to realize this dream. Maggie Nass, the new Director of Sustainability, was at MLS to receive ongoing orientation from **Donald Johanson**, Pamela Gleeson, and Mike Daniels. Maggie joined the Mont La Salle community for social and dinner. On Thursday night, I joined members of the supporters from SFNO at the annual De Marillac Academy Gala. What a joyous celebration of the constant miracles in this special ministry! The Girardos, who will receive certificates of benefaction at the end of this month, were on hand to encourage everyone to be generous as the school completes it's first quarter of a century. The highlight were two reflections by alumni about the lasting impact the school has had on their formation and their commitment to serving their communities. A favorite part of the evening is the student choir which gave a rousing full-throated performance.

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*“God will help you to endure this trial, perhaps in a way that is not obvious, or deliver you from it by surprising means and at a time when you least expect.” Med 20.3*

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I chaired the quarterly LCBF meeting via zoom. Kudos to the team for their efforts in securing support form additional wineries to produce future Brother Timothy vintages. The upcoming golf tournament is looking strong. On Thursday, I began my canonical visit with the SHCP community in San Francisco. Because of a faculty departure, Director **Kenneth Curley** has accepted one more Freshmen Religion class and now teaches every day of the week. The community noted that Kenneth is always ready to serve when needed. **Anthony Lenz** is adjusting well to the community. He enjoys being an assistant tennis coach/sage figure and wishes more students took advantage of his tutoring skills in math. **Joseph Fabiano**, the oldest Brother in full-time ministry in the District, continues his work with the school library. His special skills at hunting down students to retrieve checked out textbooks is appreciated by the staff. In his free time, Joseph continues his study of Arabic. The #1 fan of SHC Irish sports teams, **Joe Kirk**, is a regular presence in the stands at both home and away games. He has mastered the MUNI bus schedule! Joe also derives great satisfaction in assisting as communion minister to a local retirement home.



Mark and George joined Janet Ruggiero, AFSC, for the dedication of Holy Family Church

## Miscellaneous...

The Girls Called and Chosen Retreat took place at the Russian River on March 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Twenty students from CB Sacramento, La Salle Yakima, Mullen Denver, CRDLS East Bay, DLSNC Portland, SHCP San Francisco, and LSCCP Milwaukie participated. Kenenna Oladokun, Sr. Lisa Laguna, DC, and **David Caretti** staffed it. At the last minute, Mayra Paniagua and her husband stepped in as speakers. Mayra is the DLSI receptionist and assistant to **Donald Johanson** and Al Sanchez.

**Halen Gamino** and **Dan Fenton** were cast in the upcoming CHSLA's spring musical, *Newsies*. All the best to the SMC Gaels Men's basketball team as they square off against the Texas A&M Aggies on Thursday night. **Peter Tripp** offered congratulations to attorney Joseph Taranto, longtime board member of Christian Brothers School, CBS Foundation, and the Christian Brothers Trust Foundation, on his retirement.



Charles Miller's sister, two nieces plus husbands, and a grand-niece visited Mont La Salle for his birthday



Dr. Nate Sessoms, diversity consultant, with me at the DMA Gala



Gina Hall, AFSC, greeted Armin Luistro after an assembly at St. Paul's



Fortunat Phong, Halen Gamino, and Jerry Vincent listened intently to Armin's remarks



Founding DMA president, Catherine Karrels, with Joseph Fabiano at St. Francis Hotel



Valery, me, Simon, Phong, and Peter out for an amazing seafood buffet (great *sashimi*) in Milpitas

*"When people can do nothing to help you, then it is that God does everything for you, wonderfully showing his power and his goodness. Med 20.2*

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