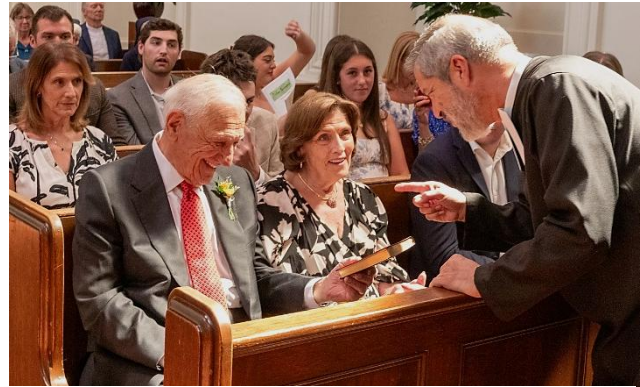


# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

31 March 2026



Bernie and Sandra Orsi receive a New Testament as one of the symbols of their benefaction

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The grace to let the Triduum transform our hearts;
- An end to wars;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Safety for all travelers during Easter;
- Those discerning a possible vocation to consecrated life;
- Healing for Edmond Larouche, Ronald Roggenbach, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Bosco Truong, Michael French, the Kuffners, and Chance Crews;
- Consolation of those in mourning; especially Br. JD Macioce (DENA);
- Families dealing with addiction.



Helped host my cohort of Lasallian Spirituality Fellows at Mont La Salle

## My travels and assorted news...

Last Wednesday, DLSI celebrated March birthdays with a hearty breakfast for all staff. This is quickly becoming a favorite monthly tradition. It's an opportunity to be together and to get to know other staff members.

Andy Kuffner, Director of Formation, hosted Assistant Principals and Deans for a three-day workshop in Napa last weekend. These are the Partners who make schools run well! It was proper for us to express our thanks. **Tom Westberg, Kevin Slate, Ken Boesch**, and me joined them for social on Friday night. **David Sinitiere** gave them a guided tour of MLS replete with the history of the District.

At the end of Palm Sunday Mass, we presented two generous couples with Letters of Benefaction. **Lou and Suzanne Girardo** have long supported Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep and were instrumental in the founding of De Marillac Academy, a Lasallian Vincentian middle school. For a quarter century, the Girardos have led efforts to raise awareness, form partnerships, find resources, and fundraise for DMA. The annual fundraising gala just

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*“Put off the old man. Show by your conduct that the Resurrection has produced happy effects in you.” MTR 29.3*

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celebrated its'20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a sold-out crowd.

**Bernie and Sandra Orsi** were recognized for their contribution to the Lasallian Mission. Bernie has served on the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation Board with the Orsi Family Wineries regularly donating wines to the Brother Timothy Event. As a trustee of the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation, Bernie has been to assist Saint Mary's College with significant contributions over the years. The Kalmanovitz School of Education is one example. Bernie is grateful to the Brothers at SMC who believed in him and helped to finance his education. Families, friends, affiliated members, and school staff were present to celebrate the new Benefactors.

A shout out to our conference staff for another perfect luncheon on the patio! Kudos to **Chris Brady** for organizing the happy event! Thank you to **George Van Grieken** for preparing the liturgy, **Ken Boesch** for the musical accompaniment, and **Lawrence Haley** for photos. We appreciated the presence of the Brothers from various communities.



In Santa Fe, Joe and Jim join CNA Brenda for their weekly community grocery shopping

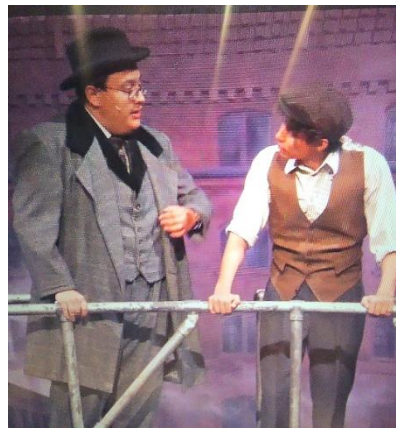
## Miscellaneous...

**Rich Kovatch** drove to Santa Fe to enjoy Holy Week on holy ground! He's visiting the Carmelites, former co-workers, and favorite prayer spaces in the City Different. The cheerful **Edmond Larouche** continues his recovery at HFC and is grateful for the quality healthcare he's receiving.

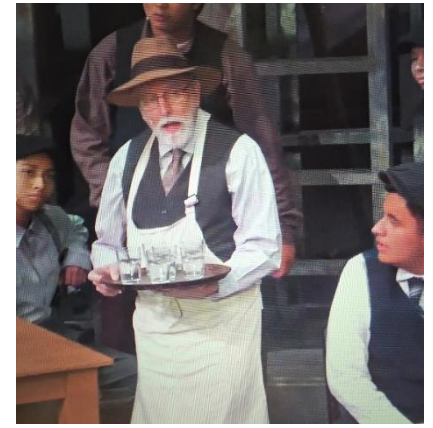
**Bernie LoCoco** traveled to Australia to reconnect with his network of friends from Sangre and to give a workshop. Two former students from Bacolod, Philippines, visited **John O'Neill**. He was their elementary school principal in 1963. They are currently retired in Sacramento and Hawaii. They made sure to visit the cemetery to pay their respects to their beloved high school principal, **Armando Garcia**. Eight Brothers from the college, Tucson, and HFC are gathering at Camp Saint Joseph to spend the Triduum together with Fr. La Salle as the celebrant.



Lasallian Partners Suzanne and Lou Girardo were presented with Letters of Benefaction at Mont La Salle



Amateur thespian Halen Gamino debuts as Governor Roosevelt



Dan Fenton stealing yet another scene in the CHSLA musical *Newsies*



Tony, James, Joseph, and Jonathan sat down for the Benefaction *al fresco* luncheon



Suzanne Girardo spoke of the contribution of the Daughters of Charity to DMA + SHCP



John O'Neill with two *old boys* from Bacolod: Francis Arnaiz and George Luzuriaga

*“Are you not ashamed that Jesus has such a great desire for your salvation, while you correspond so little to his ardent desire?”* MTR 25.2

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