

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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SMCHS Community in Berkeley: Antony Doss, Edmond Larouche, Mark Murphy, and Director Jonathan Cord

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Our lives to transmit Easter hope to others;
- In gratitude for our Partners;
- An end to wars;
- The needs of La Salle Yakima;
- Healing and justice for victims of abuse;
- Healing for Joseph Pham, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Edmond Larouche, Bosco Troung, and Carlos Rincon, Sr;
- The needs of our benefactors;
- A just end to our mediation process;
- Young people to consider the vocation of a religious;
- The needs of our District Chapter committees.



Paul-Andre and Emmet with Father Tom at the Easter Vigil Mass

My travels and assorted news...

Last Tuesday night, I chaired our monthly community meeting. We're continuing discussions on the Rule as well as dealing with business matters that come up and calendaring. On Wednesday night, I connected with Dat Hoang via zoom to check in.

On Thursday and Friday, **Donald Johanson** and I traveled to Saint Mary's College for the Board of Trustees meeting. Vice-Chair **David Caretti** and trustee **Gustavo Ramirez (MX)** prepared excellent formation materials which were the springboard for excellent discussions on Mission and our future. I took the opportunity to grab Thursday night dinner with SMC senior Tim Phelps, one of our contacts. He discussed his senior capstone project for Theology which examined De La Salle's concept of salvation. On Friday afternoon, the board joined various volunteer groups (department advisors, former trustees, regents) at SMC for an introduction to the key role we can each play as catalysts for the coming comprehensive capital campaign. **Ken Cardwell** and **Bernie LoCoco** were among them.

Over the weekend, I made my canonical visit to the SMCHS community in Berkeley. Director **Jonathan Cord** graciously welcomed me and I enjoyed

“Wasn't it necessary that the Messiah should suffer and then enter into his glory?” LK 24:26

cooking Sunday dinner with him. He made cassoulet, a dish he taught me to cook in Tucson. The always engaging **Antony Doss** and I had redden over an exceptional meal at a restaurant in San Rafael which specializes in dishes from southern India. The goat with curry and the spicy red chili curry were my favorites! Antony is wrapping up his assignment in SFNO and planning his final summer in the US. Energetic **Mark Murphy** showed up with his list and we discussed various matters. I appreciate his thoughtfulness and how he provokes me to consider new ideas. Mark, Antony, and I attended morning Mass at a nearby parish. Father Wilson now celebrates Mass in the community three mornings a week. One month after surgery, **Edmond Larouche** is pleased to be home to continue his recovery. The purchase of an easy chair which helps him get up without using his arms is invaluable to him. He's very faithful to his walks and to rest. Although he no longer lives in the house, **Larry Puck**, AFSC, continues to cook for the Brothers on Monday nights and joins them for prayer. The community is faithful to meals, prayer, and meditation together. They take good care of one another and gladly serve as hosts for a summer ministry site for contacts.



Nephew of Br. Ignatius Kenny and classmate of Joe Kirk, Tom Henderson met Joe for coffee

Miscellaneous...

Recently installed Archbishop Checchio made his first visit to Christian Brothers School Canal Street campus. He sat in the pews with elementary to watch their classmates earnestly act out the Stations of the Cross during a Lenten prayer service. The Archbishop was impressed by the students' reverence and attention.

At HFC, **Joseph Pham** was visited last week by a former student/former Brother and his family. It's edifying to see how Joseph's network of family and friends have rallied around him.

Saint Mary's College announced that **George Van Grieken** will be this year's Academic Convocation Honoree. GVG will give an address at the event on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 1:30 PM in the Saint Mary's Chapel. The convocation is the climax of a multi-week Lasallian Heritage Days.



New Orleans Archbishop James Checchio visited with young students at Christian Brothers School on Canal Street



Ken Cardwell joined other St. Mary's College volunteers for training



HFC Activities Director Scott Smetzer took Martin DeMartini to SF for focaccia



Gustavo Ramirez, president of *Universidad La Salle* in Saltillo, MX, with Chris Giangregorio



Fellow Tamils Fr. Wilson Sagayaraj, SVD and Antony Doss at St. Mary Magdalene Church



Dan Fenton and Rafa Rodriguez took the Pacific Coast Highway home from the Triduum retreat

"Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war!" Pope Leo XIV

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