

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

05 May 2026



Laurence Konersmann celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday at HFC with his sister and brother-in-law from Denver

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Dat Hoang as he transitions back into the District;
- The needs of our school boards;
- Our affiliated members and benefactors;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Bosco Truong, John Montgomery, Javi Hansen's grandmother, Julie Sturm, Raoul Viguerie, Liza Ribera, and Matt Powell;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- In thanksgiving for the settlement of our CA abuse cases;
- The needs of our young Brothers.



Dat Hoang with three former students whose university studies he supports

## My travels and assorted news...

I share two wonderful news items. With great joy, we welcome **Dat Hoang** back to the district from LEAD. He'll return to California this coming week after 16 years of generously serving in Lasallian schools and Brother formation programs in the Philippines (Lipa) and Thailand (Nakhonsawan, Chanthaburi, and Kanchanaburi). We are grateful for Dat's ministry in the international Institute. He will take a sabbatical year and is initially assigned to the Mont La Salle community.

The second great news is that our abuse cases in California were successfully mediated collectively and settled. We received word last Friday that the various plaintiff attorneys had agreed to our offer. Our attorneys have been working on these cases for at least seven years. We are grateful to them for their wise counsel of patience; especially in the face of numerous setbacks. Thank you to Pamela Gleeson, CFO, and our investment team for the vision and discipline to build up a settlement fund in anticipation of this day. I appreciate **Chris Brady's** steadfast optimism, his oversight of safe environment, and his probing questions during mediation. Finally, thank you, Brothers, for all your prayers, your faith, and support.

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*"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you." JN 14:26*

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We held our monthly LEC meeting last Thursday. The bulk of item for consideration were Lasallian Catholic Assessment Process (LCAP) reports from schools demonstrating and planning Lasallian formation for students, faculty and staff. This instrument is a key way the Brothers are able to ensure that a Lasallian Catholic culture exists on each campus.

On Saturday afternoon, eleven Brothers converged on Sacramento to be part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Christian Brothers High. I will note that two are proud alumni: **Jonathan Cord** and **John O'Neil**. There were two fine arts presentations which wove the school's rich history (told by alumni and current students) between choral performances of popular tunes from each highlighted era. **Mark Murphy** and I welcomed the audience and led prayer before each performance. There was a celebratory reception with delicious food and student hosts who were decked out in school gear from various decades. They were thrilled to meet the assembled Brothers. Other Brothers present were **James Megan**, **Richard Orona**, **George Van Grieken**, **Thomas Westberg**, **Donald Johanson**, **Martin DeMartini**, and **Kenneth Curley**.



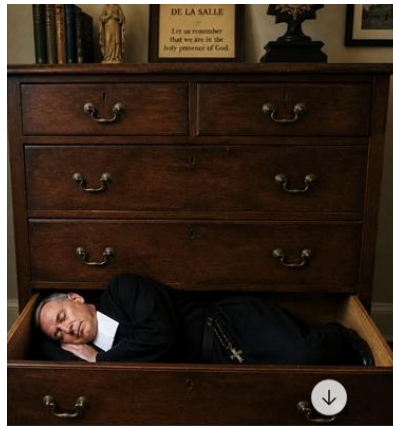
Emmet, David, and Patrick chatted at a Mont La Salle social during retreat

## Miscellaneous...

Caught up with energetic **Pierre St Raymond** who is doing well during his sabbatical at Lewis University. He outlined his upcoming summer travels to reconnect with family before returning to teaching. Raoul “Wayne” Viguerie, former Visitor of NOSF, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and is in hospice care in Albuquerque. He asks for our prayers. **David Caretti** and **Steven Vasoli** are travelling to Rome for an international gathering/workshop on formation. They’ve been meeting regularly via zoom with this group of formators. This is an important focus for General Council. Received word from Cathedral HS in El Paso that the yearbook students decided to dedicate the centennial yearbook to the Christian Brothers who served there for 98 years. It made my day! Kudos to SHCP who raised \$15 million during the President’s Luncheon a few weeks ago. The pledges are for student scholarships and the endowment. Praise God!



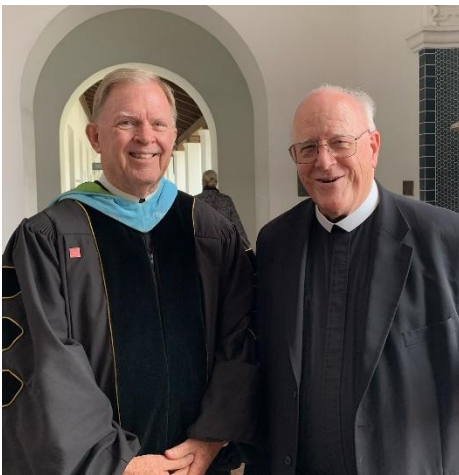
Eleven Brothers (2 alumni) joined in the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Christian Brothers HS in Sacramento



Charlie Legendre created an AI image to illustrate some Lasallian history



Richard Orona was honored at the LCBF Golf Tournament by former student



Dr Glenn Bolton with Jonathan Cord at the Saint Mary’s College Academic Convocation



In Yakima, Javi Hansen spoke with St. Paul’s parish Life Teen Youth Group



David Caretti with Isaac, from Saint Mary’s College Admissions, at Saint Peter’s Basilica

*“Easter is the feast of love overcoming sin, forgiveness overcoming injustice, and life overcoming death. With such great love, can we be anything but joyful?” Bishop Silva*

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