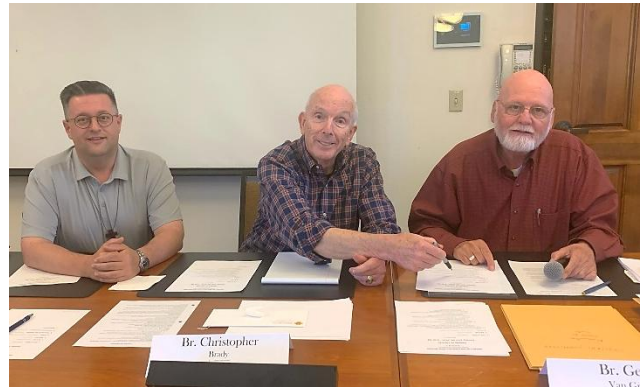


# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

09 June 2026



Chapter Sessions were deftly chaired by Central Committee members David Caretti, Chris Brady, and George Van Grieken

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Spirit to inspire our District Chapter discussions;
- Peace in our hearts and an end to war;
- Blessings on the Under Sixty gathering;
- The Midwest's District Chapter;
- The repose of the soul of Bosco Truong;
- Healing for Richard Kovatch, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Raoul Viguerie, and Perry Martin's mother;
- Consolation for those in mourning;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- Needs of our postulant and young Brothers.



Mark Murphy and Vicar General Carlos Gomez toast to the District Chapter

## My travels and assorted news...

Last Thursday afternoon, Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF) held its' quarterly board meeting. **Mark Murphy** and Tom Coughlan reported exceptional net funds raised at this year's golf tournament and dinner. We're excited to report that our wine program is growing with new quality sponsors. The board expressed thanks to **Antony Doss** for his contribution to the foundation over the past three years.

On Friday morning, I participated in the graduation of Cristo Rey De La Salle HS on the Saint Mary's College chapel lawn. Trustee **Edmond Larouche** and I were invited to join in the board/faculty procession and I delivered the invocation. **Bernie LoCoco** and **Patrick Moore** were also in attendance to be supportive. It was a spirited event with families proudly celebrating their children's accomplishments.

On Saturday night, delegates to our District Chapter began our time together with a meal. The schedule was a balance of prayer, Eucharist, time to relax together, committee work, and plenary sessions. The spirit was fraternal and

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*“Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel...” 2TM 1:8*

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reflective. Lines of action ranged from inviting the Brothers to discern together about the future of our communities, the quality of our Community Annual Program process, ongoing support for vocation ministry, integration of our consecration, strengthening our Lasallian Catholic mission, Camp Saint Joseph, and improving our process for nominating a Visitor.

The delegates shared the lines of action which the four committees had worked on since last December. Dr. Mike Daniels presented the summary report from the synodal listening sessions and answered questions from the group. **Carlos Gomez**, the Vicar General, was the observer from the General Council. He noted that our District has chosen to continue to have hope in Providence, trust in our Partners, and to recommit to our Mission. “SFNO has faith and zeal!”

Fr. Rico Hernandez served as the chaplain. We give a shout out to **Ken Boesch** for providing musical accompaniment and **GVG** for preparing the prayer services and worship aids.



With Cristo Rey De La Salle principal Jessica Murray at their graduation at SMC campus

## Miscellaneous...

Young Brothers under sixty will be gathering at Mundelein, Illinois, this coming weekend. Brother Armin and other General Counselors will address the group. It's an opportunity for our younger Brothers to pray together, to listen to one another, to dialogue with Institute/District leadership, and to celebrate our shared vocation.

**Halen Gamino** reported that his mother, Angie, and he attended a Rush concert together in Los Angeles. The two share a passion for live performances and progressive rock.

A former student who had been heavily involved in Lasallian Youth in El Paso (prepping adults for citizenship classes) reached out to me. Juan Brito is now a pilot with Alaskan Airlines, so we met up in Santa Rosa for breakfast. We laughed a great deal as we caught up and I was shocked to find out his son would be starting at CHSEP next year! Time really flies!



Some of our District's attendees of the Under Sixty Gathering: Matthew, David, Rafa, and Javi



District Secretary Denise Mancuso with Chapter Secretary Rafa Rodriguez



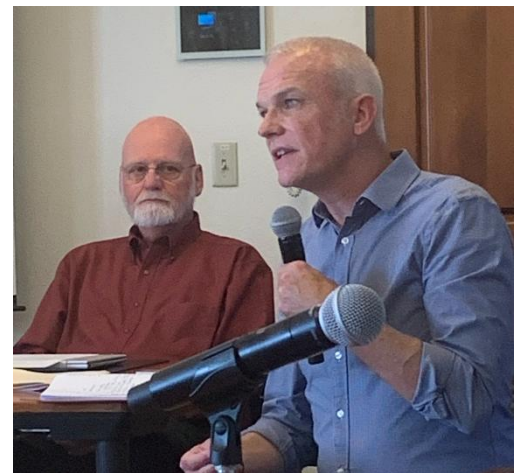
CRDLS Board member Edmond Larouche at their fifth graduation



Chris Brady and Moderator Ray Vercruysse during a meeting of the Central Committee



Delegate John Montgomery joking in between sessions of the District Chapter



Dr. Mike Daniels explained the summary report from thirty listening sessions on Mission

*“Be self-possessed in all circumstances; put up with hardship; perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.” 2TM 4:5*

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