

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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SFNO reps at Under 60 gathering: Chris, David, Rafa, me, Roch, Matthew, Halen, and Javi during a social at Mundelein

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The grace to live out our consecration;
- In thanksgiving for our young Brothers;
- The repose of the soul of Bosco Truong;
- In thanksgiving for an end to war with Iran and for an end to all conflicts;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- Students in remediation this summer;
- Healing for Richard Kovatch, Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Raoul Viguerie, and Perry Martin's mother;
- Young people to respond to God's call to the consecrated life.



Lawrence Haley greeted everyone at gravesite for Bosco Truong

My travels and assorted news...

On Saturday, the Holy Family Community hosted a funeral Mass, burial, and reception for **Bosco Truong**. We were blessed to have members of his family, friends, former students, the Lasallian Sisters from San Jose, and Brothers from various communities.

After the Chapter concluded, I spent a day in the office then traveled to Chicago to attend the Under Sixty Gathering. Because of tornadoes and floods in the area, flights from the west were cancelled and rerouted. I applaud our cohort for their patience and mighty efforts to simply get to the meeting. **Halen Gamino**, **Matthew Chiantella**, **Rafa Rodriguez**, **Javi Hansen**, **David Caretti**, and **Roch Dufresne** all qualified to attend. (I was only included because of my role!) **Rafa Rodriguez** was on the organizing committee and gave the opening presentation on Providence. Participants reflected on four presentations, had table discussions, and reported out to the whole group. Young Brothers were concerned about the quality of community, prayer, and identity. **Armin Luistro** and three General Councillors (**Ricky Laguda**, **Martin Digilio**, and **Chris Patiño**) reacted to what they were hearing and shared

(The crowd to Bartimaeus)

"Take heart! Get up! Jesus is calling you!" MK 10:49

some observations from the global perspective. The organizing committee will work on next steps as a follow up. The campus of Mundelein seminary provided the perfect environment for reflection and relaxation.

From there I traveled to Burr Ridge, IL, for the RCCB or meeting of the RELAN Visitors. We received a report from the CEO of Christian Brothers Investment Services. The plan is to lean into the expansion of the business in Europe. The CEO of Christian Brothers Services updated us on retirement situation. Out of 181 clients, 56 have spun off to create their own plan. Any Lasallian school which sought the assistance of a consulting firm was reimbursed by the region. Our other major services continue to enjoy a 99% retention of clients. Tom Southard (CB Conference) reported out on the setting up of a national Lasallian tax credit organization which can assist with tuition assistance of our schools in CO, AZ, TX, and LA. Also, alumni in other states can make a contribution. This organization has tremendous potential to help students with need in our District. Another report noted that there will be two novices (MW) in the novitiate next year. **Tom Johnson** (MW) will be the



Edmond visited with Bob, Arthur, and Bill during a MLS/HFC social and BBQ

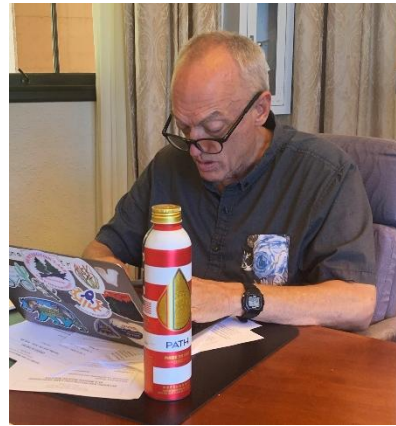
Miscellaneous...

Novice Master. A DENA house for postulants will open in Providence, RI, with two postulants from DENA and one from the Midwest. **Peter Killeen** (DENA) will be the director of this program. Pamela Gleeson (SFNO) joined us for a discussion about regional funding from CBS. We discussed the need for a clear purpose and agreement about what to fund, how, and when. Finally, we agreed to dedicate time at our next meeting on exploring future leadership structures for the region.

Huge shout out to **Peter Phu** (Vietnam) on the completion of his Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Santa Clara University! **Valery An, Simon Hoang, and Fortunat Phong** attended the commencement. **Javi Hansen** stayed in the Chicago area. He's on the *Fe y Vida* Board which meets this weekend at Lewis University. He was able to hit some museums and catch a baseball game at Wrigley Field.



Lasallian Sisters from San Jose were among the guests who attended Bosco Truong's funeral and reception at MLS



Jack Henderson multi-tasking in between Chapter sessions



Blessed to spend time with Chris Patiño during meetings in Chicago area



Javi explored Carmel with his mother before the Chapter



Halen with his mother, Angie, at a Rush concert in Los Angeles: Rock on!



Roch Dufresne at a table discussion with Steve Barbaro (DENA) and others

“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” MT 10:8

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