

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

30 June 2026



Steven, Rafa, and David joined the Brothers community for Sunday lunch in Rheims; Claude Reinhardt (r) was the chef

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Rafa Rodriguez as he wraps up his pre-final retreat in France;
- Our Brothers in District leadership;
- Those in hospice care, their families, and caretakers;
- Blessings on the Buttimer participants;
- Victims of the Venezuelan earthquakes and CO/Utah fires;
- Families dealing with addiction;
- Those traveling;
- Those in mourning;
- Healing for Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Richard Kovatch, Raoul Viguerie, and Liza Ribera;
- The needs of our contacts.



Our intrepid pilgrims (David, Steven, and Rafa) at St. Yon, DLS's final cmt

My travels and assorted news...

Last Monday, I met with my Lasallian Fellows cohort to discuss an article on the Founder's self-abandonment. Some of the spirituality concepts are finally getting through! I chaired an extraordinary meeting of the SMC Members Board of only Brothers. We needed to approve using a tract of the college as collateral for a \$10 million line-of-credit with a bank. This is to vital short-term assistance during cyclical periods when there is insufficient income. SMC President Roger Thompson and I met to discuss the state of the college and how the Brothers could assist him. We focused on possible metrics to measure Mission.

Once a year, the Daughters of Charity and Brother leadership meet as charism sponsors for a De Marillac Academy. We received updates on the school's progress. They received a \$800K grant from the Shay Foundation for needed construction upgrades this summer. Theresa Houghton is an effective and visionary leader.

On Friday, the LEC held our monthly meeting. Most of the work was to approve budgets and school plans for Lasallian formation. What was unusual was having Bob Carrejo, **Janell Kloosterman**, AFSC, and **Charlie Legendre**,

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Paul of Tarsus

in the room. Along with Andy Kuffner, they were on site to help with the DCAA gathering. They stayed to attend a reception honoring Bob Carrejo on his retirement. Bob has been a steadfast Lasallian Partner for over four decades. He's been a key formator, teacher, coach, administrator, and district leader. Few can articulate the Lasallian charism as well as Bob. I'm very proud of my fellow CHSEP alumnus and El Paso native.

On Friday, **Kevin Slate** attended the ordination of Father Philip Neri Gerlomes, OP, at St. Dominic's in San Francisco. He's a graduate of Justin-Siena HS, nephew of Katie Batt (Office of Ed), and son of Caroline Gerlomes (Assistant to JSHS President). His first assignment will be to the Newman Center at the University of Oregon. *Go Ducks!*

We get updates from our pre-final retreat pilgrims in France. **Rafa** reports that meals with local Brothers communities have been a highlight. It's a gift to experience fraternal hospitality across countries and languages. They've arrived to Parménie for the final leg of their journey. Thank God that the heat wave has broken.



With Bob Carrejo at a reception honoring his decades of service in the Lasallian Mission

Miscellaneous...

Halen Gamino and his mother, Angie, continue their travels in Turkey. Most recently, they visited the site of the ancient city of Troy. *"This land is literally one of the cornerstones that inspired all Western thought. Ancient Greek children were to read Homer. It's surreal being in a place that inspired the world..."* Once an Integral major, always an Integral major!

Met with **Michael Murphy** in Napa so that he could accept and sign the indult of dispensation. He's headed back to Paris to explore possible research opportunities. **George Van Grieken** came home from France where he served as commentator for media recordings and tour guide. After three days, he headed off to Manhattan University to be instructor at the Buttimer Institute for the next two weeks.



The CBHS group in France finished their official assignment but most remained to explore more of the continent



DCAA reception at MLS: Matt Powell and Joe Welling from Justin-Siena



Angie and Halen Gamino at St Anthony of Padua Church in Istanbul, Türkiye



David, Rafa, and Steven at the gothic cathedral in Rheims, where DLS was a canon



De La Salle Concord Principal Heather Alumbaugh and Janell Kloosterman at DCAA



Justin-Siena HS alum Father Philip Neri with cousin Robert and aunt Katie Batt

"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life and we believe." Saint Peter

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