

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

20 August 2024



Brian Dybowski was honored for his diligent work at an alumni dinner; Board Chair Clarise Berhost and President Michael Sandoval

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The grace to live community joyfully and selflessly;
- Brothers in transition;
- Administrators facing the challenges of a new year;
- Justice, healing, and peace for victims of sexual abuse;
- Healing for Ron Gallagher, Richard Orona, Brian Dybowski, Fred Van Haaften, Eliza (Maria Ribera's daughter), and those fighting cancer;
- New students and staff to our schools;
- The Spirit's blessings on our vocation efforts in each school and across the District.



John Hoover welcomed two of his former students at DLS HS Concord

My travels and assorted news...

Part of last week involved working with attorneys. Because we needed a new mediator whom our attorneys had to get up-to-speed plus the large number of plaintiff attorneys and insurance carriers to schedule, our next meditation session will likely be sometime this October.

On Thursday, Pamela Gleeson, CFO, provided training on reading various fiscal reports for the new District Council members: **Steven Vasoli**, **David Caretti**, and **Javi Hanson**. **Chris Brady**, the organizer, and I also attended to fill in background. From there, I traveled to sunny and warm Los Angeles for my first canonical visit.

I stumbled into the first days of classes for Cathedral! Cheers to **Roch Dufresne** who was celebrating the first Emmy award won by a KCHS alumnus – one for sportscasting! **Roch** is teaching three broadcasting classes and is the director. He proudly toured me around the school studio, pointing out the many improvements and new sets he'd built over the summer. His next project is to install high quality wiring.

"The greatest honor we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love." Julian of Norwich

James Meegan is teaching a Great Books course, works with alumni, and handles the community books. **Dan Fenton** assists the school with supervision at the library at three key times throughout the day. He's also managed to categorize the books online and oversees student use of the library's computers. Dan is working on setting up demonstration experiments for the science department to do. **Rafa Rodriguez** is teaching five freshmen Religion courses and is moderator of Lasallian Youth. **Halen Gamino** has Pre-Cal and Business Math courses for upperclassmen and assists with Lasallian Youth.

This community hosts many visitors. **Peter Tripp** was in town to meet with various Christian Brothers Services clients. He even volunteered to cook a delicious pork chop dinner for the Brothers. Dominican **Xavier Lavagetto** was here to celebrate the funeral Mass for the mother of a CHS alumnus. The son was in one of Xavier's first classes at CHS. Over dinner, Xavier and **James Meegan** shared many memories of how the Friends of Cathedral group saved the school from being sold forty years ago.



Melvin Pelton and Robert O'Kane enjoyed a barbeque with both communities at MLS

Miscellaneous...

Shout out to our beloved district dean, **Tom Canty**, who celebrated his 97th birthday last Saturday! He relished his favorite ice cream cake and appreciated the best wishes of the Brothers and staff at St. Paul's. **Donald Johanson** wrapped up his annual medical appointments during his month-long working vacation in Napa. The doctors pronounced him good for at least another year. **Aiden Kilty** was able to join him for two weeks. Thank you to **James Joost** who drove a van to Santa Fe to assist **Alphonse LeBlanc** with his move to St. Paul's community in Covington. It proved to be a wonderful road trip before settling in to Covington. Kudos to **Matthew Chiantella** for serving on a Diocese of Tucson committee designing a job description for youth ministers. **Paul-Andre Durham** returned to the Holy Family Community after caring for his brother, Walter. **Lawrence Haley** is taking some time off.



Xavier Lavagetto and Peter Tripp joined me as visitors to the hospitable Cathedral High Los Angeles community



Our District dean, Thomas Canty, celebrated his 97th birthday at St. Paul's



George Van Grieken visited with Lincoln Synder at Mont La Salle



Cathedral HS community at Mary Queen of Angels Cathedral for Mass



Gracias to Peter deGroot for his third bounty of corn which he grew at Mont La Salle



Rafael Rodriguez and Halen Gamino on the first day of classes at Cathedral HS in LA

“Truth sees God, and wisdom contemplates God, and from these two comes a third, a holy and wonderful delight in God, who is love.” Julian of Norwich

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