

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

25 August 2026



Father Tom, Richard, Steven, and Glenn gathered in the renovated novitiate for their Community Annual Program days

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Holy Spirit to infuse our CAP experiences;
- In thanksgiving for new volunteer board members;
- The needs of our school staff and students as the school year begins;
- Healing for Peter Tripp, David Sinitiere, Joseph Pham, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Ingrid Jimenez, John Arnadoun, BFSC, Raul Cardenas, and those battling addiction;
- The repose of the soul of Raoul Viguerie;
- Young people to respond to the call of consecrated life.



Tucson community hiking at Mount Lemmon: Jack, Martin, and Matthew

My travels and assorted news...

Although it sounds like a headline torn from the *National Enquirer* (Octogenarian Pain-Free After Knee Replacement Surgery!), **David Sinitiere** is proof that daily exercise, weight-lifting, and strict diet work! His doctors remain stupefied by his rapid and painless recovery. He's currently using a walker and plans to graduate to a cane as soon as possible! Under the watchful eye of our therapist, Peggy, David is climbing stairs.

Maligayang pagdating and welcome **John Ong** (LEAD) who arrived at SMC last Friday afternoon! The two college communities hosted a warm reception and dinner for John who will begin a three-year doctoral program in Educational Leadership. John, who did vocation ministry in the Philippines, will also assist Rafa with SFNO vocation ministry. Brother John just completed three years as director of postulants in LEAD. Conveniently, his sister and her young family live in Daly City.

LEC met on Friday to deal with the school business. A major discussion was the new crop of board member candidates. It is a blessing to have so many

“Jesus said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’”
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talented and generous professionals accept the invitation to serve on one of our boards. The new board training took place over the weekend for twenty-four candidates representing eleven of our schools.

On Saturday afternoon, I joined many Brothers at Saint Mary's College for the funeral of **Chris Brady's** older sister, Mary Patricia Alves. It was an intimate and moving Mass followed by a reception and dinner. The best part was hearing stories about “baby brother” Chris.

Steven Vasoli worked all weekend with formation for Mission and Ministry student leaders at SMC. They did Lasallian formation, training in specific ministries, and a day at MLS to better understand our history. **Emmet Sinitiere** showed them the Archives Museum and **Ken Boesch** played some pieces on the organ. One of the students (CBHS alumnus) also showed off his organ skills. Earlier in the week, Steven led formation for SMC Resident Advisors. He pointed out that Lasallians have been involved in this ministry since 1705 at Saint Yon!



Alemany and SMC communities welcomed John Ong to St. Mary's College for grad work

Miscellaneous...

Peter Tripp continues to heal at the St. Paul's community from recent neck surgery. He's transitioned from a hard to soft neck brace for added mobility. **Fred Van Haften's** son, Wayne, and granddaughter, Kaylin, came to spend a few days with him. **Richard Orona** generously volunteered to be a tour guide so to show them around the Napa Valley.

Andrés Porras, former Brother (MXN), was the guest of the MLS community since the beginning of the month. He was hired as Campus Minister at Justin-Siena. He's been busy finding and setting up an apartment for his wife and daughter who will join him in early September.

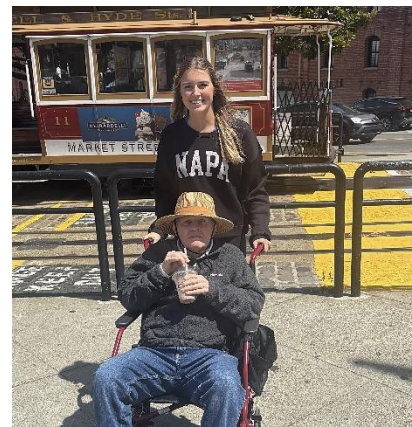
The novitiate renovation is progressing with work on connecting the internet and linking the giant screens for audio visual presentations.



Postulants Marco, Malcom, and John with Rafa and Peter Kileen (DENA) at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lasalette



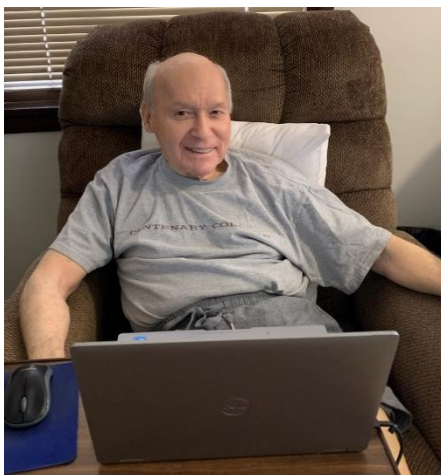
HFC Brothers went all out to celebrate Activities Director Scott Smetzer's bday



Fred Van Haften toured San Francisco with his son and granddaughter Kaylin



Nervous new fifth graders at Christian Brothers School (NOLA) during orientation



"Medical Miracle" David Sinitiere happily recuperating from knee replacement surgery



Javi with La Salle Yakima student leaders at New Student Orientation Night

"The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium*

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