

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Roch Dufresne showed off the new multi-screen backdrop for the KCHS studio news desk; a completed summer project

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace in our hearts, Gaza, and Ukraine;
- The healing and safety of children trapped in war;
- Those in need of healing: Ron Gallagher, Art Carroll, Richard Orona, David Caretti, Gale Condit, Brian Dybowski, Walter Durham, Liza Ribera, and those battling cancer;
- Justice and healing for victims of sexual abuse;
- Blessings on the Lasallian Symposium gathering in the south;
- Our cooperation with the Holy Spirit to invite young men to be Brothers.



Michael Meister, Charlie Hilken, and Lawrence Haley at DLS Concord Mass

My travels and assorted news...

Donald Johanson and I drove down to Concord on Wednesday to join **De La Salle HS** celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit. **Anthony Lenz** and the DeLaSalle Academy school community was in attendance. **Michael Meister**, **Bernie LoCoco**, **Charlie Hilken**, **Patrick Moore**, and **Lawrence Haley** represented the Brothers. The celebrant was a newly ordained alumnus. A new altar for school Masses was blessed. It was an Eagle Scout project by a creative senior. After Mass, **John Hoover** invited me to drop by his classroom to meet some of his freshmen. Best-behaved-students-ever!

On Friday, **David Sinitiere**, **George Van Grieken** and I flew to New Orleans for weekend festivities at **Christian Brothers School**. Now, I knew that David was a big deal in New Orleans circles but nothing prepared me for the Sheriff's escort awaiting us at the airport! Imagine two motorcycles and sheriff's SUV with lights flashing and sirens going flying down the freeway with David laughing all the way. Best part: no stop signs!

Brothers, Partners, students, alumni, and staff gathered for Mass at Saint Anthony of Padua Church followed by a joyous reception at the Canal Street

“How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart...?” Meditation 85.1

campus. Before Mass, **David Sinitiere** gave a clear historical perspective of the Lasallian journey to New Orleans and the evolution of Christian Brothers School. At the reception, **Laurence Konersmann**, **John Mai**, and **Gale Condit** each shared a reflection on CBS. I expressed the congratulations of the District and the Brothers' confidence in the Lasallian character of the Board and faculty. **Peter Tripp** and **James Joost** came down from Covington to join us. Tom Coughlan was also in attendance representing LCBF. The *Clarion Herald* ran a nice story on it the next day.

Sunday morning was a fundraising lunch for CBS at Drago's Restaurant. **Alphonse LeBlanc**, **James Joost**, and **Bill Ray** came over from St. Paul's. Bill relishes the restaurant's signature grilled oysters. Many CBS alumni, faculty, former parents, and current students dropped by the Brothers table to express their thanks and/or to wish them the best for the coming year. Some were thrilled to hear that Laurence will be in Napa and promised to come visit! It was a wonderful weekend to celebrate the Lasallian Mission!



Charlie Hilken and Michael Avila cooked for the Alemany cmty at the Russian River camp

Miscellaneous...

Anthony Lenz is now the interim coach for the tennis team at St. Mary's College HS! He's generously helping until they find someone permanent. Victor **Kenneth** reports that his spartan classroom has been transformed thanks to **John Montgomery** with whom he now shares the space. Each teach three freshmen Religion courses. John found a collection of colorful icons painted by students which now covers the walls. In Santa Fe, **Arthur Carroll** is slowly but steadily recovering from a bout of COVID. Thanks be to God and Nurse Felisha Torres! Unfortunately, **David Caretti** joined the Broken Wrist Club recently after a freak fall. He's in a black cast and in a dark mood! **Joseph Pham** reports that while Bethlehem remains peaceful, many other areas in Gaza are being raided by settlers and soldiers who are removing Palestinians from their homes in the name of security. Movement between both nations is difficult and tedious; there is great tension in the air.



Out with the Los Angeles community in South Pasadena for a savory Mexican dinner and salty elixirs



Joseph Pham and Anthony (DENA) at checkpoint b/w Gaza and Israel



David Sinitiere reconnecting with an old friend at the CBS Canal Street Campus



Gale Condit laughed with former CBS Chair Larry Francioni over dinner in New Orleans



Dan Fenton assisted a CHSLA student learn how to print in the Meegan Library



John Montgomery and Victor Kenneth welcomed freshmen to their SHCP classroom

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...” Ephesians 3:10

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