

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Tom Brady, AFSC, reminisced with his former teacher, John O'Neil, during a luncheon celebrating Tom's 90th birthday

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The Spirit to inspire each of us during and after the CAP process;
- The needs of our young Brothers, postulant, and contacts;
- Victims of natural disasters and their relief;
- Healing for Peter Tripp, Richard Orona, David Sinitiere, Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Ingrid Jimenez, and those dealing with mental illness and addiction;
- In thanksgiving for our Partners;
- Those in mourning; especially the Aranda and Hagan families;
- Our young Brothers.



St. Mike's president, Dr. Paul Weir, picked Brian Dybowski's brain

My travels and assorted news...

On Wednesday morning, **Bernie LoCoco, Michael Meister, David Caretti**, and I joined the De La Salle Concord student body for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Michael Barber celebrated the Mass and reflected on the power of each student to make a positive impact by their words. Afterwards, he joined the Brothers for a simple lunch. As usual, he expressed his appreciation for having Lasallian communities and schools in his diocese.

Wednesday afternoon, I joined in the 90th birthday celebration of **Tom Brady**, AFSC, at MLS. The event reflected the history of the legacy SF District and the evolution of the central role of our Partners in preserving the Lasallian charism. Fr. Jayson Landeza, a SMCHS alum, celebrated Mass. Guests included Xavier Lavagetto, OP, **John O'Neil, Edmond Larouche, John Montgomery, Jonathan Cord, George Van Grieken, Ken Boesch, Donald Johanson, Mark Murphy**, Tom Coughlin (LCBF), and me. Three fellow affiliated members were present: **Larry Puck, Gery Short, and Greg Kopra**. Azure'D Nunley and Dr. Sara Troyani represented St. Mary's College HS. All five Brady children and spouses were present.

*"Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God."* RM12:2

Last Thursday, **Peter deGroot** turned 91 and three of his siblings surprised him at lunch. They sat around to catch up, spoke Dutch, and sang happy birthday to Peter. He is the second oldest Brother in SFNO.

Over the weekend, **Kevin Slate** hosted his extended family for a family reunion. There were over thirty members of the Goebel family who enjoyed MLS for three days of fun and sun.

This Tuesday, Pamela Gleeson, **Donald Johanson**, and I hosted two members of the International Economic Council: **Sergio Leal** (Bursar General) and Juan Pablo Caro (General Administrator for Argentina-Paraguay). The visit was one of the mandates of the last General Chapter. They reviewed our accounts, policies, and procedures. They asked many questions about our best practices, made suggestions for improvements, and discussed our lawsuit settlements. It reminded me of the solid checks and balances we have in place (our annual audit is happening now), the transparency, and accountability which are a key component of our District culture.



Charles teased Nurse Sinai on her birthday by wondering if she was turning 120!

Miscellaneous...

Pacific Gas and Electricity (PG&E) has brought large machinery onto the MLS property to bury their electric wires to reduce fire risk. They've buried sections on Redwood Road and now they'll bury lines on the vineyard side along the main road on our property. The project will take (at least) another three weeks.

We have been reaccredited by Praesidium for three years! Kudos to **Chris Brady** for shepherding the District through this massive organizational process. **David Caretti** now takes on the mantle as our Safe Environment Officer. While it's challenging, the process reignites awareness and a recommitment to creating and maintaining a culture of respect for all: students and adults alike.



Joe, Lawrence, Kevin, Mark, and George at the Mass of the Holy Spirit at Justin-Siena HS' Founders' Grove



Chris Donnelly installed motorized ADA feature for doors in chapel area



Joe, Anthony, Halen, and Kenneth line up for a dinner prepared by Timothy



SMC sophomore Mark Valdez (CBHS alum) performed on MLS main chapel organ



I was part of a panel on community at the recent CMSM Assembly in Phoenix



Gale Condit addressed junior Religion students at Saint Paul's School in Covington recently

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it." MT 16:24

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