

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

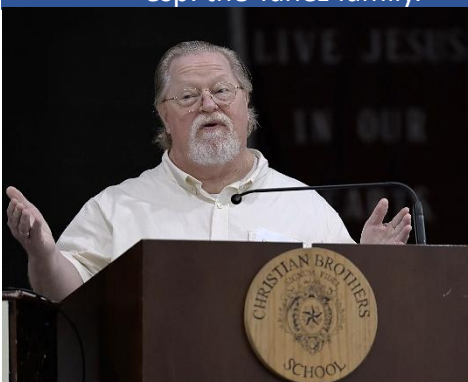
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Kenneth, Halen, Anthony, Timothy, and Joseph out for a Labor Day dinner at Sodini's Italian Restaurant in North Beach

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- In thanksgiving for a successful NOLA Convocation;
- A successful harvest of grapes;
- Peace in the world and in our hearts;
- Repose for the soul of Dominic Peterson and the consolation for the SMC community;
- Healing for David Sinitiere, Peter Tripp, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybwoski, Richard Orona, Ingrid Jimenez, and those battling addiction;
- Young people to respond to the call of religious life;
- The needs of our contacts and young Brothers;
- Those in mourning; esp. the Yanez family.



Greg Kopra, AFSC, delivered the keynote at the NOLA Convocation

My travels and assorted news...

SFNO received a positive report from the International Economic Council (IEC) visit last week. It lauded several of our practices and made some suggestions about additional data to track. Coincidentally, the audit team completed their time at MLS last week. Now we'll wait for the final report to share with the District Council and DLSI Board.

Last Friday, the staff from Christian Brothers School, De La Salle HS, and Saint Paul's gathered for the New Orleans Lasallian Convocation. It was hosted at CBS City Park. On behalf of the Brothers, **David Caretti** opened the gathering by thanking our Partners for their commitment. He noted that the day was designed to give the participants spiritual nourishment and interior transformation. Dr. **Greg Kopra**, AFSC delivered the keynote: *The Lasallian Approach to Education – It's All About Relationships.* His comments were based on *MEL Bulletin 56*. Archbishop Emeritus Gregory Aymond celebrated Mass with the assembly. He anchored his reflection on St. Chrysostom: *"What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?"* There were eleven facilitated breakout sessions organized by job

"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." RM 13:8

descriptions and interests. Various examples were advancement work, project-based learning, faith formators, artificial intelligence, and the performing arts. Kudos to **Charlie Legendre**, AFSC, Candace Watkins, and the Convocation Committee for organizing this great event. Thank you to **Joey Scaffidi**, AFSC, and the CBS City Park staff for graciously hosting two-hundred and twenty-eight participants!

After several days in the hospital due to internal bleeding, **David Sinitiere** underwent surgery to remove an inflamed gall bladder which was agitating his liver function. Two days after surgery, he was up and walking around HFC! On Monday night, **Kenneth Cardwell** had his inflamed appendix removed. The plan is to drive himself home on Tuesday!

Please keep me in your prayers. After District Council, I fly to Washington, DC, for the Advisory Committee to the USCCB then on to Rome for a plenary session of all Visitors. It's a great distance to travel but also too many meetings to awake for!



That boy can cook! Timothy preparing herb crusted pork tenderloin for a SHCP dinner

Miscellaneous...

Saddened to report that SMC student athlete Dominic Peterson had a medical emergency at Rugby Club practice and passed away on Friday. The College held a Memorial Mass for him on Saturday morning. Please keep the Gael community in your prayers.

My sister Lourdes, brother-in-law Ralph (CHSEP '82), nephew Cristian, and niece Brianna visited with me in San Francisco over Labor Day weekend. I enjoyed touring them around Japantown, the Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Saint Dominic's Church, and Hayes Valley.

Kudos to **George Van Grieken** for having an article, *Respect for Persons as a Way to God*, included in the latest edition of *AXIS*. It was based on his remarks delivered at the St. Mary's College Convocation last spring.



Meeting with IEC representatives: Sergio Leal, Pamela Gleeson, Donald, me, and Juan Pablo Caro



David Caretti delivered the opening remarks at NOLA Lasallian Convocation



Ken tasting the Mt. Veeder grapes to ascertain if they're ready for the crush



My younger sister, Lourdes, and her/my family from Dallas visited me in San Francisco



DLS image is part of a senior's school spirit at a CHS El Paso pep rally... *Viva La Cate!!!*



Part of this season's La Salle Lightning Cross Country team with Coach Brother Javi

“Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” MT 18:19

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