

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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A delegation from La Salle Medical Hospital in Dasmarias met with DLSI representatives at Mont La Salle

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Our students, staff, and parents to experience belonging in our schools;
- Blessings on gathering of Brothers in Formation;
- Victims of hurricanes and the first responders;
- Victims of war, especially children, in Gaza and Lebanon;
- Healing for Ron Gallagher, Peter Tripp, Sally Jamison, Manuel Valdivia (MLS groundskeeper), Tom Southard's wife, and Walter Durham;
- Healing and justice for victims of sexual abuse;
- Courage to invite the young to consider religious life.



Stanislaus Campbell '58 at reception with SMC President Roger Thompson

## My travels and assorted news...

Like many Brothers, the Provincialate community watched the Vice-Presidential candidate debate last Tuesday. Many remarked that the civility was a welcome change. Last Wednesday night, **Stanislaus Campbell** and I attended a Golden Gaels Tour event at the Silverado Country Club in Napa to meet SMC President Roger Thompson. He is a sincere, passionate, and gregarious leader. The president challenged us to get out the good news about the college, invite high school students to seriously consider it, and to support it financially. **David Caretti** and **Kevin Slate** also attended.

School DEIB coordinators gathered at MLS late last week. They focused their energies on how to help create a healthy school environment for civil discourse during this heated political season and beyond. I briefly addressed these committed partners to express our thanks and an appreciation for how challenging this work can be. This was one of the mandates of our last Mission Assembly and District Chapter. We continue to make progress and I encouraged them to remember that belonging is a foundational quality of any Christian community.

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*"By the fraternal character of their community, Brothers bear witness to the possibility of true brotherhood among nations."*

Rule 5

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Mont La Salle will host the young Brothers in formation (postulants and temporary vows) this coming weekend. **Matthew**, **Rafa**, and **Halen** will meet with the three US Visitors. **Robert Schieler** is facilitating the process as the young men will share their vision and expectations for the future.

**Rich Kovatch** and **Pete Dudenheffer** took a road trip from Covington, LA, to their beloved Santa Fe, NM. Both spent extensive time in ministry at St. Mike's HS. The three brothers in the local community appreciate the company and fraternal support!

**St. Joseph Camp** went on the real estate market on Tuesday morning. Our District Council has clearly requested to be notified about any serious offers to determine if the sale price warrants losing such a treasured spot in the District. Some Brothers have spoken with me about the significance of the camp to their formation and its' ongoing value to the District. We will wait and see. Thank you to **Chris Donnelly** for assisting our realtor, Jim Laufenberg, with preparing the camp for listing.



John Mai celebrating the 7<sup>th</sup> graders becoming leaders of the Canal Street campus of CBS

## Miscellaneous...

**Thomas Westberg** and **David Sinitiere** got a private tour of Irish San Francisco from Kevin Coughlan, father of Tom at LCBF. A highlight for David was seeing the plaque for SMC at the St. Mary's Park neighborhood in Bernal Heights. For Tom, it was rediscovering the WPA artwork at Coit Tower. Kudos to **Antony Doss** who has begun his graduate work in Education with St. Mary's University which is also giving him credit for his Buttimer Institute studies. Detective **Dan Morgan** investigated the origins of the unique DLS totem I saw at La Salle HS in Milwaukie. "It's always been here" was the consensus from the current staff. It was, in fact, a gift to the school from the Class of 1970 and sat in the courtyard off the old library for many years. As a result of rival school vandals coming over the roof and defacing it, it was repaired and moved indoors. Dan is waiting to contact his vacationing brother, a member of that class, for more details.



Victor Kenneth, Joseph Fabiano, Sr. Francis, DC, and John Montgomery at Sacred Heart Cathedral HS in San Francisco



Reyna Mendoza and Rachel Bailey from SMHS in Tucson laid flowers at grave



Unique totem of DLS and me at La Salle HS in Milwaukie, OR.



James Brown, Pete Dudenheffer, Joe Haras, and Richard Kovatch at a Santa Fe Walgreens



Martin Vu with San Miguel students in Tucson during the busy lunch break



Michael Meister, Ricardo Palacio, and Richard Orona celebrated Michael Avila's birthday.

*"They shall pay as much attention as they can to the holy presence of God, and take care to renew it from time to time..."* Rule 2 (1718)

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