



NEWSLETTER

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- An increase of vocations to the consecrated life;
- The needs of the La Salle Yakima school community;
- Successful surgery for Pope Leo;
- The repose of John Faherty, maternal grandfather of Timothy Phelps, and Charles Stonetta, Kim Yuers' father-in-law, and the consolation of their families;
- Healing for Joseph Pham, Bernie LoCoco, Brian Dybowski, Richard Orona, Ingrid Jimenez, Joe Welling's father, and those dealing with addiction;
- In thanksgiving for our benefactors and affiliated members.



Íñigo Riola (LEAD) and Carter Powers went for a run with Javi during their visit to Yakima



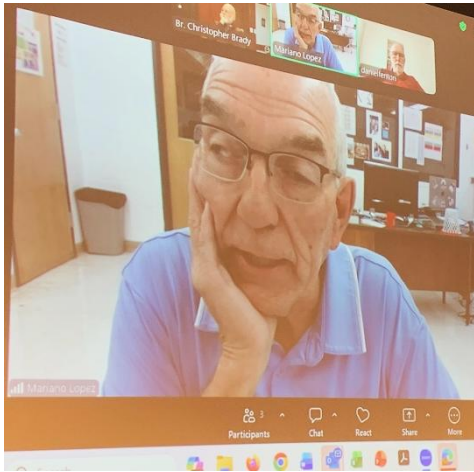
George, Lawrence, Michael Phipps (MW), Javi, Jack, and John posed in front of the La Salle HS Yakima Chapel after the Memorial Mass for Dan Morgan

My travels and assorted news...

Jack Henderson, Lawrence Haley, George Van Grieken, Chris Brady, John Montgomery, and I traveled to Yakima for Wednesday's Memorial Mass for **Dan Morgan**. On the night before, we hosted Dan's family: Bill, Mike, Pat, and Colleen, at El Portón Restaurant – a favorite of Dan's. Acting President/Principal Paul Hudson and staff members (Nicole St. Mary, Olivia Hart, and Emily Heaverlo) joined us. It was an opportunity to celebrate Dan's life and hear family stories. Bishop Joe Tyson, a huge supporter of the school, celebrated the Memorial Mass and highlighted how Dan was doing exactly what he loved and living out his vocation. The large crowd reflected the tremendous respect and affection of the Yakima community for Dan. One alum observed that Dan thrived at staying connected with graduates. He found ways to be present to them and with them. Many shared that Dan would attend a collegiate game, visit a campus, or write an encouraging message. Colleen Morgan noted that Dan was always passionately curious about people and ideas. **Michael Phipps (MW)**, a graduate of La Salle

“Fraternity is a sign that another world is possible; it is a call to hope.” LS Reflection 12

made the trip from Minneapolis to honor Dan who was his principal for three years. Overall, the event was a tribute to this quiet giant. On Thursday, the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees met for an all-day session. We were updated on enrollment and the needed adjustments to the college's finances to operate in the black. The Trustees are unified in supporting the president in continuing to make difficult but necessary decisions. Brother Trustees present were Vice-Chair **David Caretti, Chris Brady, Íñigo Riola (LEAD), Ernest Miller (DENA)**, and me. The Directors Association met on Saturday in Moraga. **Martin Vu, Jonathan Cord, Fortunat Phong, Lawrence Haley, Victor Kenneth, GVG, Chris Brady, David Caretti**, and me were present. Online were **James Joost, Mariano Lopez,**



Mariano (Santa Fe), James (Covington), and Dan Fenton (Los Angeles) joined the Directors meeting

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and **Dan Fenton**. Deacon Steven DeMartino (CMSM) continued his work with the group. He provided skill training in having difficult conversations with Brothers. I connected the emphasis on quality community life at the plenary with the same concerns expressed at our recent District Chapter. A committee was formed to work on updating the CAP process. Our Brothers in initial formation traveled to Ocean City, NJ, for a weekend regional gathering of young Brothers. **Matthew Chiantella**, **Halen Gamino**, and **Timothy Phelps** were joined by **Steven Vasoli**, their formation director. **Michael Meister** (SMC) presented on consecration. Matthew described it as *“a wonderful opportunity for young Brothers to connect, build new relationships, share stories, laugh together, and enjoy the camaraderie which makes our vocation special. We renew our appreciation for the gift of our consecrated life and our joint commitment. We support and inspire one another.”*



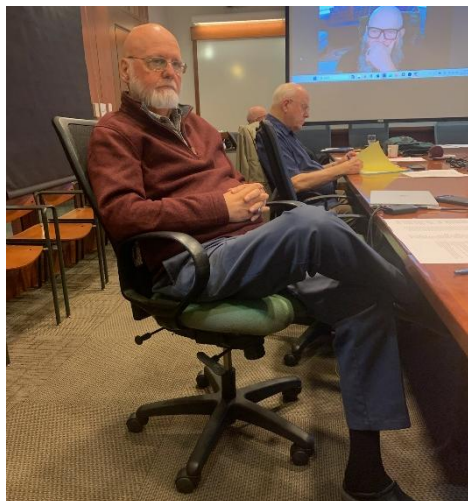
Brothers in Formation (BIF) Regional Gathering: Timothy, Michael Meister (presenter), Matthew, Steven, and Halen enjoying time together at the Atlantic shore in Ocean Rest, NJ



Michael Avila, Bernie LoCoco, and Jonathan Cord enjoyed lunch together at the SMC dining room



Martin Vu (Tuscon) listened to a discussion during the Directors Association gathering in Moraga



Directors Association Chair GVG with Jonathan and Deacon Steven on the screen at Saturday's meeting



John Mai visited with his friend, Joseph Pham, in the District Archives, where Joseph volunteers most days

“This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value...” PHL 1:9-10