

NEWSLETTER

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- Young people to discern the vocation of consecrated life;
- Our discerning leaders cohort;
- Those in District leadership;
- The needs of our community Directors;
- Healing for Joseph Pham, Brian Dybowski, Bernie LoCoco, Ken Boesch, Tom Westberg, Richard Orona, Bill Hughes, Denise Mancuso, Martin Farfan, those battling cancer, and those dealing with addiction;
- The consolation of those in mourning;
- The needs of the La Salle community in Yakima;
- Our young Brothers in formation and our Contacts.

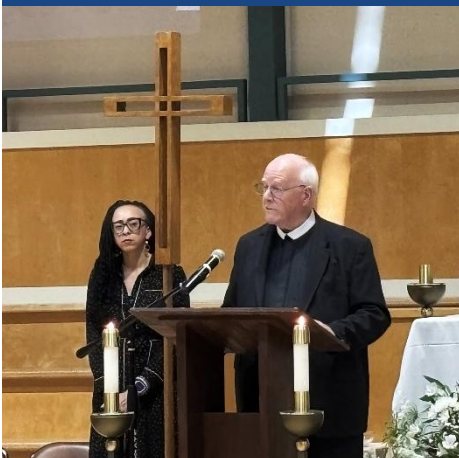


Six members of the new cohort of Discerning Leaders: Lindsey Hooper (Mullen), Katie Schneringer (Mullen), Thomas Constant (CBS), Brian Campbell (CBS), Justin Martineau (DENA), and Franz Schuck (San Miguel)

My travels and assorted news...

A new cohort of Discerning Leaders (13 individuals representing 9 schools) met last week with Janell Kloosterman, Charlie Legendre, and Mike Daniels to begin a two-year process of exploring Lasallian school leadership. The RCCB met at Ocean Rest, NJ, on Thursday and Friday. A facilitator helped the three district teams to come up with three areas for collaboration and focus together: vocation ministry, skill building for Directors, and initial formation. On the way back through Philadelphia, **David Caretti** and I made a visit to the tomb of Saint Katherine Drexel in the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. We even ate at a recommended neighborhood dive and drove by West Catholic HS (gorgeous facade)!

On Saturday, a Memorial Mass for **Dan Morgan** was held at Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley. Two alumni delivered eulogies with Xavier Lavagetto, OP, celebrating the Mass.



Community Director Jonathan Cord and SMCHS President Azure'D Nunley at a Memorial Mass in Berkeley for the late Dan Morgan

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance...” RM 5:3

On Monday morning, I gave a formation presentation to the De Marillac Board. My reflections were based on *Meditation 37*, a summary of the call by God and the response of the teacher. Dr. Lara de Guzman, the new principal, presented the board with her plan for raising student test scores. The board thanked President Theresa Houghton for the excellent report preparation. On Tuesday morning, I did a faculty formation presentation on association at Christian Brothers HS in Sacramento. I reflected on how both Jesus and DLS recognized the need for association or community to address needs. At lunch, Tom Guro, Seth Alexander, and Alonzo Aguillo presented the first two of eight planned videos introducing DLS and the Lasallian world to new students. The videos were top quality tools!



David Caretti and I explored the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, before heading home from NJ

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Rafa Rodriguez continues to make visits with communities to speak about vocation ministry. He's visited with SMCHS Berkeley, Alemany and SMC, Cathedral LA, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Mont La Salle, and Holy Family. Rafa observed: *"As I meet with our communities, I am reassured that this ministry is filled with grace. Our Brothers have been open to a conversation on effective ways that they may be able to contribute in our collective effort of Vocation Ministry. I have encouraged them to see this work, at the local level, in light of their personal capabilities and communal opportunities. I've also reminded them that I am here to support them just as much as I know they support me."* Early this week, Rafa and Paul Avvento, vocation director for DENA, are meeting with male Seton Teaching Fellows in San Antonio as well as connecting with the Catholic colleges in the area. **John Mai** reports that he is settling in well to the Los Angeles community. He finds the Brothers welcoming and the accommodations ample.



RCCB Meeting at Ocean Rest, NJ: Back: Scott Kier (MW), Chris Patiño, Chris Brady, Jim Logan (DENA) Front: Frank Burns and Bobby Schaefer (DENA), Michael Fehrenbach (MW), me, and David Caretti



John Montgomery has been busy bringing order to the neglected community garden at SMCHS



Rafa and Paul Avvento (DENA) met with Seton Teaching Fellows volunteering in San Antonio



Javi and freshmen English teacher, Kayla Rafferty, on a break during the freshmen retreat in Yakima



Jeff Ramon (SPS) and Charlie Legendre met up with their friend Ken Boesch at MLS

"We give thanks to God always for you, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith, labor of love and, endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ..." 1TH1:2-3