

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

29 October 2024



Joseph Pham with Peter Iorlano (DENA) and religious sisters praying for peace at the fence between Gaza and Israel

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- The De La Salle Academy school community;
- The needs of our generous trustees;
- Those in need of healing; especially Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Brian Dybowski, Michael Meister's sister, John Arnaudon, BFSC, Sr. Veronique (Redwoods Cistercian), Manuel Valdivia,
- The needs of our Campus Ministers and Activity Directors;
- Success of the Br. Gale fundraiser;
- Healing and justice for victims of sexual abuse;
- Holy Spirit's help as young people discern a vocation.



James Meegan is sharing CHSLA history in 20 year increments with the board

## My travels and assorted news...

Made my canonical visit with the Alemany Community last week. **Michael Meister**, interim director, handles the finances and has begun work on his online analysis of Dante's *Paradiso*. He'll take some time to care for his sister who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Now in his second year of full-time teaching at DLS in Concord, **John Hoover** feels that it's a bit easier since he's created the lessons. His students appreciate his care and vigilance. The shaggy haired **Charles Hilken** looks like someone on sabbatical. He's looking forward to some study at the Vatican Library and finishing up a major scholarly article. **David Caretti**, ever-in-motion, balances his vocation ministry with his duties as Vice-Chair of the SMC Board of Trustees. **Bernie LoCoco** had just returned from visiting his 101-year old brother in Chicago. He's preparing for a trip to Australia to give a series of talks on spirituality. Now that he's retired, **Richard Lemberg** is pursuing his passion for fly fishing, cooking, reading, and mastering the theremin (musical instrument)! **Patrick Moore** continues to model how to deeply enjoy the simple pleasures of life: a good chair, a great book, a sunny day, and some hot tea. He is grateful for the wonderful medical care he receives.

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*“What do you want me to do for you?”  
“Master, I want to see!” MK 10:51-52*

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**Brendan Madden** literally returned home from the hospital as I was leaving. Poor fellow hadn't slept well so I spared him (momentarily) from a taxing reddition.

Mike Daniels and I have tried to accompany the DLS Academy community as they coped with the initial closure announcement. We met with the faculty in person, joined them for their retreat, and met with two groups of concerned parents to try to answer questions. Lots of tears and silence initially. The testimony by the parents about the transformative impact the Academy has had and has on their sons and their families was profoundly moving. Their unflappable faith in power of Lasallian education and their desperate concern about getting their sons into DLS HS in Concord stunned and humbled me. I want to express my thanks for our leadership team for all of behind-the-scenes work to prepare for this roll out. We are blessed.

On Saturday morning, I lead a formation session via zoom with the Board at La Salle Catholic College Prep in Milwaukee. Tried to unpack what it means to be a Lasallian Catholic school in today's world.





Edmond Larouche and Peter Tripp visiting with a member of *Les Amis Freres* at Mont La Salle

## Miscellaneous...

**Sebastian Arias** wrapped up his time with the Berkeley community. Expressing deep gratitude, he wrote: *I am returning to Colombia with joy. I challenged myself to study English, and I had the opportunity to experience part of our Institute, as well as explore a beautiful part of the US. Thank you for your hospitality, for your joy, for the dinners, and for the card games. Simply put, thank you for being Brothers.* Unfortunately, **Bill Hughes** has contracted COVID in the Napa rehab facility where he's recovering from a hip replacement. He remains in good spirits despite having some COVID symptoms and not being able to use the gym for rehab. The worst news is no Bingo with the ladies. **Ricardo Palacio** will be going to the De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, MT, this week and stay for most of November. He will be training staff to teach science using the Montessori method. **Christopher Brady** made the canonical visit to the Provincialate this week.



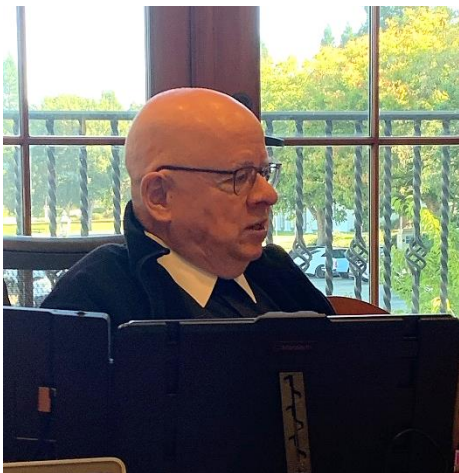
Alemany Community: Michael M, John H, Brendan M, Charlie H, Bernie L, Patrick M, and Michael A



Pete Dudenheffer scowling at me during Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune



Gale Condit spoke to a mothers' group from CBS Canal Street campus



Directors Association Co-Chair Lawrence Haley also serves as recording secretary



Michael Avila preparing for evening Mass at the Alemany community at SMC



Director of Formation Andy Kuffner and CHSLA Campus Minister Daniel Meraz

*“You are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets...”* Ephesians 2:19

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