

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Delicious dinner with the CBS Brothers: John Mai, Gale Condit, and Larry Konersmann; I had amazing pecan encrusted catfish!

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- A peaceful election process;
- Our affiliated members;
- The needs of board members;
- In thanksgiving for our benefactors;
- Parents of our students;
- All in need of healing; especially for Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Ron Gallagher, Brian Dybowski, John Arnaudon, BFSC, Fr. Rico Hernandez, Liza Ribera; Michael Meister's sister; Sr. Veronique (Redwoods Monastery); and Manuel Valdivia;
- Justice and healing for victims of sexual abuse;
- All discerning their vocation; especially to the Brothers.



John Hoover as Harry Potter and his costumed doppelganger in Concord

My travels and assorted news...

Arrived in New Orleans and enjoyed dinner out with the Christian Brothers school community. **Lawrence Konersmann** is busy with writing code for a new program to help the school. **John Mai** was getting ready for his latest photographic assignment: the school's upcoming gala event. **Gale Condit** was finalizing details for the LCBF fundraiser. I stayed in Covington since CBS was hosting various guests.

Construction on the Brothers house progresses slowly. The roof work is almost done as is the electrical work on the interior office/pantry. Renovations on the exterior of the Saint Paul's dining hall continue but the interior is complete. Chuckled at the mural which runs the width of room and prominently features the late, beloved, and spotlight-avoiding **Ray Bulliard**. (I could see him rolling his eyes!) I was also invited to attend music practice with the students. The leadership is committed to improving the student participation at Mass. They don't want to lose that spirit. **Ken Boesch** led the students in singing. On the feast of All Saints, Nurse Brandi, Candace Watkins, **Richard Kovatch** and I attended the Mass with the student body. There was a great spirit of reverence and engagement.

"... in reality every Christian is called to be a saint, as is every human being!" Pope Benedict XXIII

Over 200 people attended the Brother **Gale Condit** dinner at the Metarie Country Club which raised over \$350,000 (and counting) for the first donor designated Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation fund targeting the four Lasallian legacy schools in the New Orleans area: Christian Brothers School, De La Salle, Rummel, and Saint Paul's School. There was a wonderful mix of Lasallian partners and friends of Brother Gale from his sixty-years of ministry in the four area schools. There was even a group of alumnae from the Academy of the Sacred Heart where Gale taught for a couple of years. Students from all four schools provided the evening's opening prayer and procession of school banners. De La Salle's impressive string orchestra provided pre-dinner entertainment. Kudos to the event's 12-person organizing committee and LCBF for attention to every detail! **Lawrence Konersmann, James Joost, Antony Doss, Mark Murphy**, Tom Coughlan (LCBF executive director), **Charlie Legendre**, AFSC, **Trevor Watkins**, AFSC, and I were in attendance. Mark Murphy and I were asked to give brief remarks. MC Nolan Lambert kept the program moving with his good-natured humor. Gale expressed deep thanks for his vocation and for the opportunity to be of service to others for six decades.



Ken Boesch leading the St. Paul's student body in singing practice for All Saints Day Mass

Miscellaneous...

Shout out to **Rafa Rodriguez** and seven family members who ran a 120-mile relay run in McDowell Mountain Park in the AZ desert last weekend. In total, he ran 20 miles averaging under 10 minutes per mile. **Joseph Pham** reports that the Brothers in Bethlehem continue with daily activities and are adjusting given the challenging circumstances. Keep them in your prayers!

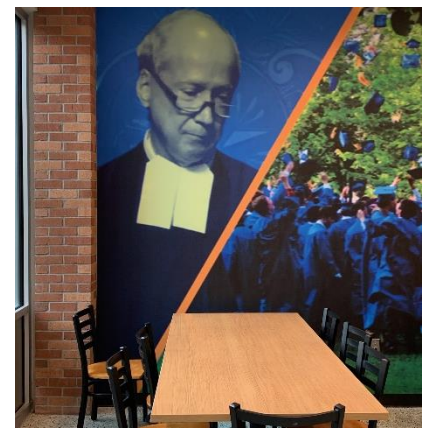
Check out "Walking Together," the SFNO Vocation Newsletter at <https://tr.ee/Cfz2tF28CP>. It's edited by **Luis Enríquez**. Kudos to **Chris Patiño** who gave a keynote address at this year's Religious Vocation Formation Conference (RVFC) in Minneapolis: "Leaven of Hope: Envisaging and Engendering an Open World." On behalf of RVFC, **David Caretti** presented Sr. Lisa Laguna, DC, with an award in recognition of her longtime work in vocation ministry.



Shout out to Cathedral LA Brothers and staff who committed completely to being The Adams Family this Halloween



Rafa Rodriguez at end of two-day relay race in the Arizona desert



Ray Bulliard's image is part of a wall mural in the renovated St. Paul's dining hall



SHCP's dapper football chaplain walking with the team, hat askew, onto Kezar Field



James Joost enjoying his therapy of doing garden maintenance on the Brothers' patio



A humble and grateful Gale Condit delivered closing comments to the evening's fundraiser

"...to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." 1 Cor 1:2

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