

# BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

19 November 2024



Tom Westberg, David Sinitiere, and Mark Murphy introduced themselves to the Justin-Siena sophomores on retreat at MLS

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

- In thanksgiving for our affiliated members and benefactors;
- Victims of war; especially in Gaza and the Ukraine;
- Our Brothers serving outside the District;
- Healing for Peter Tripp, Ron Gallagher, Bill Hughes, Brian Dybowski, Brendan Madden, Manuel Valdivia, Liza Ribera, Walter Durham, all battling cancer;
- Young people discerning a vocation;
- Healing and justice for victims of sexual abuse;
- Safe travel to the Heuther Conference;
- The needs of our fragile schools.



Ken Boesch with musician Heath Barker, both teach Religion at St. Paul's

## My travels and assorted news...

Last Wednesday, the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF) had a board meeting and welcomed two new members: **John Arnaudon, BFSC**, and Kevin Nagle. Both served on the SMC board where their financial acumen was highly valued. We are forming a committee to study an ambitious plan to aggressively build our endowment.

Saint Mary's College had a board meeting on Friday. The new president is everywhere and active on many alumni, fundraising, and admissions fronts. With less than projected enrollment, there is a necessary tightening of the budget in all departments. We were assured that payments on the latest loan are on schedule to be paid and a priority in current adjusted budgeting. **David Caretti** (Vice-Chair), **Ernest Miller** (DNA), **Gustavo Ramirez** (Universidad La Salle, Chihuahua), and I were present. **James Gaffney** (MW) was online. **Michael O'Hern** (MW) could not attend. His rehabilitation after heart surgery is progressing but slowly.

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, a small but growing new diocesan

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*"...the Brother recognizes an invitation from God to deepen his communion with him, his Brothers, and those entrusted to him."* Rule 63

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congregation, are benefitting from donations from our novitiate library to assist with in-house formation for their younger sisters.

The sophomore class from Justin-Siena HS came up this past week to the Conference Center for retreat. Two hundred and fifty students came up in three groups over three days. Shout out to **Tom Westberg** (who organized the Brothers), **David Sinitiere**, **Lawrence Haley**, **Mark Murphy**, **Ricardo Palacio**, and **George Van Grieken** who gave tours of Mont La Salle to the students. **GVG** and I welcomed them and gave an overview of MLS. The community was delighted to interact with the students.

Visited **Bill Hughes** at the Napa rehab center. His goal and motivation is to get back to HFC by Thanksgiving. He's managing some walking and the PT is focused on getting up and sitting down safely. Bill continues to be optimistic and appreciates the phone calls from Brothers who check in on him. Kudos to **John Mai** who will be the first speaker in the Duetsches Haus series in NO on Coming to America. He'll discuss his perilous escape from Vietnam.



Brian Dybowski gives the Halloween piñata a good whack during Holy Family festivities

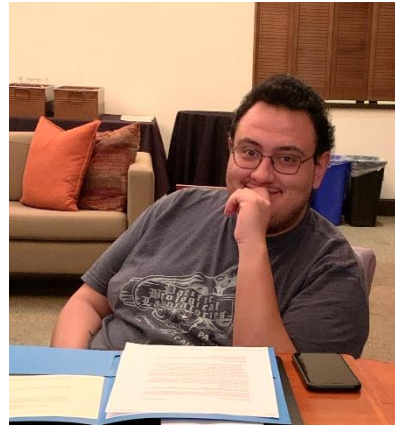
## Miscellaneous...

After a visit to De La Salle University in Manado, Indonesia, **Dat Hoang** was part of team who made recommendations to LEAD about possibly having Brothers there again. **Dominic Berardelli** had been instrumental in the origins of the university. Of his family reunion, Dat wrote: *“It was truly a heartwarming experience, filled with joy and gratitude. We were together for two weeks and explored various places in Thailand and strengthened our family bonds. Subsequently, some family members extended their vacation to Vietnam and Japan, while I returned to my teaching responsibilities.”*

**Fred Van Haften’s** daughter, Alicia, came up to Napa to pick him up. Fred returned to New Mexico with her. The plan is for Fred to spend part of the year with her family in Corrales. They even built a *casita* for him on their property. **Stanislaus Campbell** hosted a luncheon on Sunday to thank all the volunteers who assist with the 11:00 AM Mass at Mont La Salle.



Alemny Community Mass: John Hoover, Bernie LoCoco, Patrick Moore, me, Fr. Kwame, and David Caretti



Mischievous Halen Gamino at a meeting of Brothers in Formation



Dan Fenton did a demonstration for a Physics class at Cathedral-LA



Laurence Konersmann with Kathy Calder, AFSC, at the Brother Gale Fundraiser



The 4/5<sup>th</sup> graders with whom Ricardo Palacio worked at La Salle Blackfeet in Montana



Joe Fabiano with Jonathan Lim at Shamrock Night, a SHCP social for 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents

*“In this pluralistic and secularized world, the Brothers feel the need for daily contact with the Word of God. It is what nourishes their whole life.”* Rule 64

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