

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

26 November 2024



Chris Giangregorio with family, DLSA Board Chair John Gamino, Mike Daniels, and me at Heuther 2024 Conference

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- The repose of the soul of Thomas Canty and the consolation of the Saint Paul's community;
- Peace in our hearts and in the world; especially in Gaza and the Ukraine;
- Healing for Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Ron Gallagher, Walter Durham, Brendan Madden, Brian Dybowski, Michael O'Hern (MW), Manuel Valdivia, and all battling cancer;
- Safe travel during Thanksgiving;
- Healing and justice for victims of sexual abuse;
- Our contacts and all discerning a vocation.



Armin Luistro presented a pleased Chris Brady with a certificate in Rome

My travels and assorted news...

Mont La Salle Brothers and staff are fighting the vestiges of a norovirus outbreak from last week. (A weaker strain of it travelled with me to Heuther.) Hats off to the valiant staff who are pulling double shifts because of CNA's who have unfortunately contracted the virus.

The District Council met last Tuesday in Napa. Pamela Gleeson, CFO, reported on the important functions the DLSI Finance Department fulfills for the District, the Institute, and communities. The Council met with the Partner DLSI Board members to approve a budget for next year (2025-26). Part of the culture of this Council is to have engaging conversations about issues and potential decisions. Keeping the Brothers better informed in a timely manner is important to the Council. You should have received my summary on the Open Forum discussions on Monday. Minutes will come later.

The Benilde Trust Advisory Committee met on Wednesday. We meet with the Royal Bank of Canada representatives who oversee this important trust.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." RV 1:8

There is a new management team so there are many questions and reporting procedures to lock down. They were pleased by our investment strategy and its' results.

Flew out Wednesday for the Heuther Conference in Baltimore. The majority of the participants are highly committed partners seeking to deepen their understanding of the Lasallian mission and/or to be re-energized in their ongoing commitment. My own reflection is one of gratitude for our partners and Brothers who led sessions. At our District debriefing, many complimented the pre-conference sessions for coaches, the session on facilitating dialogue in polarized culture, and the presentation by **David Caretti** on vocation to the collegiate track. All lauded Anne Garrido's inspiring keynote on truth. As a response to potential deportations and their possible impact on some of our students and their families, Khiely Jackson, Yolanda Franco, and representatives from *Fe y Vida* facilitated a productive discussion about possible actions our schools can prepare to make to help students to feel safe. The Holy Spirit is blowing through our District!



Pete Dudenheffer, Alphonse LeBlanc, Jim Joost, and Trevor Watkins, AFSC, enjoy Wolves soccer

Miscellaneous...

Praise God that **Gale Condit** has been declared cancer-free by his physician specialists in Baton Rouge! He's working on regaining his stamina and appreciated everyone's prayers for his healing. Sought out **Chris Patiño's** good counsel via long distance. The call found him in Madagascar for an international gathering of young Brothers. He wrote: *"Very inspired by them, our Brothers here, and all that we are encountering here in the District. There are certainly challenges but many hopeful signs."* **Bill Hughes** has made great progress but still needs the benefit of the 5 day per week physical therapy at the rehabilitation center. His spirits remain high and he is enjoying games of dominos and Bingo. Our gregarious Brother has even made friends among the residents. **Donald Johanson** is busily wrapping up matters at his office in Rome to fly home to the Bay Area by December 22nd. An ecstatic **Rafa Rodriguez** watched his beloved Eagles defeat the Rams at SoFi Stadium.



San Miguel students and Javi Hansen on annual vocation pilgrimage to San Xavier de Bac Mission



Mark Murphy wine tasting with DLS North Catholic Board members



Khiely Jackson (Justin-Siena) and Yolanda Franco (EOL) led a session at Huether



Mullen High School representatives at the Huether Conference in Baltimore



Bernie LoCoco and Michael Meister at prayer at St. Mary's College in Moraga



Art Carroll and Richard Orona at a Holy Family Community Saturday night social

"No doctrine is more excellent, and necessary, to be preached and studied, than Jesus Christ, and him crucified." John Flavel 1671

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