

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

10 December 2024



The Provinciate community hosted Andrea Yaley, DDS, and five of her staff for Friday night dinner at Mont La Salle

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- That this Advent may make us aware of our hunger for God;
- Our school communities as they wrap up the semester;
- Those struggling with addiction and recovery;
- Healing for Bill Hughes, Peter Tripp, Ron Gallagher, and Walter Durham;
- The repose of the soul of Mary Jane Hagan's mother plus MLS Nurse Jean Williams' mother and the consolation of their families;
- The Holy Spirit's kindling of a desire in young people to explore one's vocation.



Two spirited Saint Michael's juniors gave me a delightful tour in Santa Fe

My travels and assorted news...

I met with the Lasallians Without Borders Committee to discuss our District and regional commitment to their ongoing efforts. This group has representatives from Mexico Norte and SFNO who seek to focus attention on border issues and people on the peripheries.

The three US Visitors had a zoom meeting in anticipation of our upcoming meeting in Chicago with the six Lasallian college presidents. We continue to explore ways in which the colleges can collaborate for the sake of program delivery, enrollment, efficiency, and cost-cutting.

The Office of Education team gathered in person at MLS last week. They do this twice a year. It's an opportunity to build community, spend time in reflection/prayer, and to do planning/in-service together. **George Van Grieken** led their reflection. I was invited to meet with the group to address any questions and/or concerns. We had an informative exchange about the progress of our legal issues and the importance of increasing our capacity to assist schools with sustainability. We discussed the role which **Donald**

“Suffer nothing to sadden me but sin, nothing to delight me but the hope of possessing You.” C. McAuley

Johanson will fill when he returns. The group joined the Provinciate community one evening for prayer and social.

De La Salle Institute hosted the annual Christmas party for all staff. **Charlie Legendre**, AFSC, and Andy Kuffner led the prayer service in the main chapel and I gave a brief reflection. Staff with ten and thirty years of service were recognized. The party moved to the conference center for festive drinks and heavy *hors d'oeuvres*. Per usual, the food was exceptional! (I recommend the short rib *empanadas*...) It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this holy season as one Lasallian community. We are blessed!

On Sunday, members of the Holy Family, Provinciate, and Sacred Heart Cathedral communities attended an Advent morning of recollection led by **Steven Vasoli** at MLS. His lead a thoughtful reflection and discussion on the *Founder's Rules I Have Imposed Upon Myself*. It was a well-done re-centering on the goals of mature spirituality. Thank you to director **Lawrence Haley** for organizing the event.



The late Bishop Cummins, AFSC, visited with Tim Phelps, a contact at Saint Mary's College

Miscellaneous...

Tom Canty was laid to rest this past weekend in Covington. Various Brothers wrote to me about him. Tom was a gentle man who was always ready to be helpful to Brothers and students. While not naturally disposed to be a teacher or community member, Tom was ever faithful to his vocation, prayer, and his duties. We thank God for his inspiring example of fidelity!

Dan Morgan was invited by his alma mater, La Salle Milwaukie, to be the speaker at the annual Heroic Vow Assembly. He has done this once before. Kudos to **Íñigo Riola** (LEAD) for successfully defending his thesis. He'll proudly don his doctoral robes at SMC in May 2025. *Muchas gracias* to **David Caretti** for editing and publishing the most recent *Ordo* for us. **Bernie LoCoco** traveled with **John Arnaudon**, BFSC, to a basketball tournament over Thanksgiving. He watched the young Gaels team thrash USC but narrowly lose in a close match to ASU.



Fr. La Salle, Patrick Moore, Chris Donnelly, George Van Grieken, Richard Lemberg, and Tom Westberg at the River



Tom Canty's cremains were laid to rest at the St. Joseph Abbey columbarium



Victor Kenneth as MC at the annual *Lesson and Carols* performance in North Beach



Yolanda Franco (OOE) was entertained by Stanislaus Campbell's remarks at social



Bernie LoCoco accompanied the SMC Gaels to a basketball tournament over Thanksgiving



Emmet Sinitiere with Warren Stewart enjoying the annual DLSI Christmas Party

*“O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all His people:
Come to save us without delay!”*

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