

BROTHER VISITOR'S NEWSLETTER

17 December 2024



Father Peter, Ken B, James J, Jerry V, and Peter D were among those gathered at Thomas Canty's inurnment in Covington

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

- Peace in our hearts and in the world;
- Those struggling with addiction and recovery;
- Our students during exam week;
- Safety of our school communities during Christmas break;
- Healing for Ron Gallagher, Peter Tripp, Bill Hughes, Liza Ribera, and Walter Durham;
- The Spirit's blessings on the Advent Contact retreat in Arizona this week;
- An increase in vocations to religious life; especially the Brothers.



Two talented SMCHS student tour guides, President Nunley, and me (on a step)

My travels and assorted news...

Most of my week was spent making the canonical visit to Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley. This is an exemplary community committed to prayer, meals, and a life in common. They are mutually supportive. Although **Dan Morgan** is the only Brother directly involved full-time with the school, he is a huge presence. He teaches two classes, produces a daily broadcast run by students, and broadcasts all home sporting events. Dan also manages Powerschool, the grading and academic program for the school. He trains all new students and faculty in how to use it. Director **Jonathan Cord** keeps busy as guest master and taking care of the community's needs. His dry wit and self-effacing humor put all guests at ease. **Edmond Larouche** assists Jonathan with household responsibilities. He remains connected with alumni and donors. He is an invaluable addition to the board at Cristo Rey DLS Oakland. The Panthers basketball teams also count on his regular presence at home games where he's sporting his lettermen jacket. **Antony Doss** is grateful for all that he's learning as part of the LCBF team. He's in charge of the data entry and follow up communication with donors. His home district has created a foundation.

"The LORD is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love..." ZEP 3:17

There is a Tamil community in the area who invite Antony to join them for celebrations. There's also a Tamil priest who works at a local parish and has befriended Antony. The ever-energetic **Mark Murphy** is ramping up for a major campaign for LCBF. He continues his vast correspondence and regular contact with Brothers and friends from around the Institute. Mark and Antony trade off driving on their commute together to and from Napa. **Larry Puck**, AFSC, now rents a house on the other end of campus but cooks dinner once a week and joins the Brothers for prayer.

The Lasallian Education Corporation (LEC) met to discuss school business. Most of the meeting dealt with looking over and accepting financial audits which are required annually from each school. We were also updated on local issues which have recently arisen. Traveled to LA for a meeting at Cathedral HS. The Brothers house decorations rival those of any mall! The community surprised **Rafa Rodriguez** with a 30th birthday party. The food was exceptional! Kudos to Chef **Roch Dufresne**! The communal effort to prepare, execute, and clean up was inspiring.



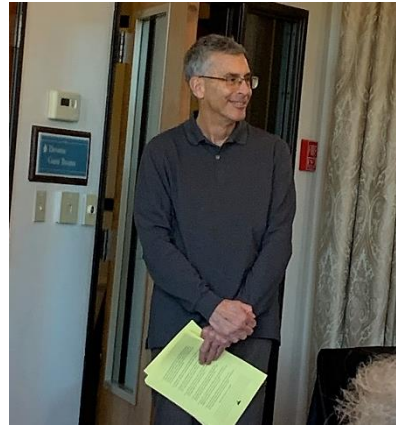
A visit by John A, Bernie L, and Coach Randy Bennett made Ron Gallagher's day

Miscellaneous...

Ron Gallagher received a surprise visit by Gaels Head Coach Randy Bennett, **John Arnaudon**, BFSC, and **Bernie LoCoco** at HFC. They brought him some team gear to wear to show his spirit. **Pierre St. Raymond** will be travelling to Birmingham to spend a southern Christmas with his brother. **John Hoover** hosted his students for the 39th annual Christmas Prayer Service and Celebration. The event was held at the Brothers' former residence at DLS Concord. John fed them treats and shared stories of Xmas past. **James Meegan** travelled north to watch the Phantoms soccer team play in the De La Salle HS tournament in Concord. **John Montgomery** also sported purple to show support. The team won both of their games. **Mariano Lopez** ventured north to Denver to cheer on the St. Mike's girls as they played in the Mullen Mustangs Tournament. The Lady Horsemen played their hearts out (3 games in 3 days) and learned a great deal.



St. Mary's College High School Community: Jonathan C, Antony D, Mark M, Dan M, and Edmond L in their chapel



Steven Vasoli led an Advent morning of recollection for three communities



Brian Dybowski and Richard Orona at the annual DLSI Christmas party



SMCHS students offer roses at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on campus



Tom Westberg helped to trim the community Christmas tree in Napa



Joseph F, Joe K, John M, and V Kenneth posed with their Advent wreath at the SHCP Chapel

“The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” PHL 4:6-7

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