Dr. Stephany Schlachter was affiliated to the Institute

Dr. Stephany Schlachter, Provost of Lewis University, was affiliated to the Institute on September 6th during a liturgy at Sancta Alberta Chapel on the campus of Lewis University. Members of her family, several Lewis University faculty and staff members, and many Brothers attended the late afternoon ceremony. Fr. Raymond Webb, AFSC, Chairperson, Department of Pastoral Theology and Canon Law at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, presided at the Mass. Dr. Schlachter has been extraordinary in discerning where the Spirit is leading the Lewis University community, and she is exceptional in her ability to invite and encourage others to integrate Lasallian values into all levels of education and everyday life on campus. She has participated in the Buttimer Institute and received the Brother Louis De La Salle Ministry of Teaching Award from Lewis. The Midwest District also honored her with the Distinguished Lasallian Education Award. She has been sought as a speaker and author and has presented on various Lasallian topics at national conferences, including programs for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the Higher Learning Commission, the Council of Independent Colleges, and at various national Lasallian forums. Recognized as an international leader and resource on Lasallian research, she presented a major address on “What Is Lasallian Research?” at the International Association of Lasallian Universities General Assembly in Manila in 2012.

Saint Mary's University presented first Signum Fidei Award

Brother William Mann, President of Saint Mary's University, presented the inaugural Signum Fidei Award to Bishop Álvaro Ramazzini on September 13th in Mankato, MN, as part of the 125th anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Winona. Bishop Ramazzini is from Huehuetenango, Guatemala, where Saint Mary's 1966 alumnus Brother James Miller was killed in 1982 while serving as a missionary. Recipients of the award receive a bronze bust of Brother James, a replica of the life-sized memorial that was dedicated during the university's centennial celebration in 2013. The bust is located on Saint Mary's Winona Campus. The Signum Fidei Award is bestowed by the university on an individual, group or organization in recognition of extraordinary service to the vulnerable and marginalized members of society. It also recognizes and honors work that promotes human solidarity. Brother James is remembered for his heroic contributions to humanity as a Christian educator, apostle of the poor and underprivileged, and advocate for justice and solidarity.
**Brother Larry welcomed young Lasallians**

Recently **Brother Larry Schatz** expressed his gratitude for the many years of service given by **Tim Gossen**, Associate Vice President for Mission at SMUMN, as the District representative to the Regional Young Lasallians Committee, who recently resigned from that position. Taking his place will be **Denis Block**, currently a member of the retreat staff at La Salle Manor Retreat Center. Denis is a Lewis University graduate and an LV alum. Brother Larry also welcomed the seventeen Lasallian Volunteers serving in the Midwest District this year. Finally, he mentioned the five Postulants and six Contacts in the Midwest and asked the Brothers and Lasallians to keep these young men in discernment in their prayers.

**Brother Damian sent a thank you**

**Brother Damian Steger** thanked everybody for their prayers and wishes on his 60th jubilee as a Christian Brother. Special thanks to those who sent a jubilee gift. Brother Damian is now residing in the memory unit at Callista Court Assisted Living Facility in Winona. His address is Brother Damian Steger, Callista Court, 1421 W. Broadway St, #2234, Winona, MN 55987.

**De La Salle Academy opened in August**

De La Salle Academy opened in Concord, CA, with a special ceremony on August 8th. Thirty-four boys, equaling one fifth-grade class and one sixth-grade class, along with their families, Brothers and Lasallian educators, attended the inauguration blessing for this new Catholic, Lasallian middle school that will follow the Miguel model. Schools that follow the Miguel model focus on breaking the cycle of poverty through well-ordered and rigorous education, high student expectations and positive reinforcement. Applications are only accepted from families living at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. **Kenneth H. Hofmann** and his associates at The Hofmann Family Foundation funded the founding and operation of De La Salle Academy. De La Salle Academy plans to add one class each year, until the school has its full complement of four classes, fifth through eighth grade, with a student body eventually totaling 80 boys. It is a division of De La Salle High School, which was founded nearly 50 years ago and serves more than 1,000 students. De La Salle Academy is part of the new District of San Francisco New Orleans in RELAN.

**Fifth Annual Lasallian Volunteers FSC Awards will be given**

The Lasallian Volunteers will present their 2014 FSC Awards on October 4th during a program at Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett, RI. This year’s recipients include The Bassen Service Award to **Sarah Laitinen** (LV ’07-’09) and **Jim Ruck** and **Gail Britanik** (LVs ’95-’96); The Johnston Faith Award to **Brother Brian Henderson**; and The Farrell Community Award to **Brother Michael Reis**. Congratulations to all!

**Prescription drug subsidy verification may be coming**

Those Brothers who have the prescription drug subsidy (reduced prescription costs) under Medicare Part D, may be receiving the annual verification of eligibility to complete for the Social Security Administration. It often arrives in September or October. Brothers should follow the instructions carefully and submit by the due date. Brothers who might have questions after receiving the form should contact **Brother Joe Saurbier** at the Provincialate Office.

**Lasallian Days are coming up**

Watch the mail for Lasallian Day invitations! Those for Memphis and Chicago should already be arriving in mailboxes. Those who have not received an invite or who would like more information or to RSVP, contact **Megan Davison** at 630-323-3725, ext. 218 or by email at mdavison@cbmidwest.org
Brother Larry Humphrey sent a message

Greetings from Singapore! I have been here for almost three months now and all goes well. After two months I started to drive (on the “wrong” side of the road) and I switched my spell-check to UK English (programme, honour, etc.) There are even days when I think it is not so hot and humid. The school is an impressive place but suffers from some growing pains – 120 to 1500 students in seven years. The elementary school is all expat children, while the high school has over ½ Singaporean students. Our music students gave an evening concert at the Singapore Botanic Garden and will perform at the Hard Rock Café in a few weeks. In December all of the Brothers of LEAD (Lasallian East Asia District) will be meeting in Manila, so I’ll get to see Brother Marty Sellner and Brother Christy Croos. Looking forward to guests David Leung and Ned Kirk (from Winona), Brother William Duque (from Colombia) and Tina Bonacci in the next few weeks. Happy Halloween, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving!

Brother Basil celebrated his 80th jubilee

On September 21st Brothers and Lasallians gathered at the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Residence in St. Paul to celebrate Brother Basil Rothweiler’s 80th anniversary as a Christian Brother. Brother Basil is 97 years old and was in great form for the event. The morning liturgy was followed by a special lunch and then a reception. Many of Brother Basil’s former students and colleagues visited to congratulate him. He served was the Principal at Cretin H.S. from 1970-1977, and he held the same position at DeLaSalle H.S. from 1977 to 1984. Then he returned to Cretin-Derham Hall from 1988 to 1994 where he served in the Development Office. Brother Basil was the President of Saint Mary’s College in Winona, MN, from 1956 to 1963, and then he was the Visitor of the Minneapolis/St. Paul District from 1963 to 1969. Congratulations, Brother Basil!

Lasallian Research Symposium was held at SMUMN

The third-annual Lasallian Research Symposium, hosted by Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota and its Institute for Lasallian Studies, was held on September 28–30 at Saint Mary’s Twin Cities Campus. More than 100 participants from around the world were in attendance. The symposium looked at key characteristics of Lasallian research today and for the future. The event featured two keynote speakers: global health expert Thomas Clasen ’78, J.D., presented “The Global Water and Sanitation Challenge: The Role for Lasallian Universities.” Rebecca Proehl, Ph.D., spoke on “The Transformative Nature of Lasallian Research.” Following the symposium, Saint Mary’s hosted at its Winona Campus, Brother Diego Muñoz, Director of the Lasallian Research and Resource Service for the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome, and scholars representing the other Lasallian regions of the world.
Brother Paulos Welday was welcomed to the District

On behalf of the Midwest District Brother Larry Schatz welcomed Brother Paulos Welday back to the District in early September. Brother Paulos has been granted a sabbatical by Christ the Teacher Institute for one semester and will spend his time at CBU in Memphis. Brother Paulos Welday, Lambert Hall Community, Office: (901) 612-6033 Cell: (901) 612-6033 email: paulmesm@hotmail.com Welcome, Brother Paulos!

District Development Office made a request

The passing of alumni, friends and benefactors will be an all-too-common occurrence in the months and years ahead. While a representative will not be able to be present at every wake or funeral, having a Christian Brother attend the service can be a profound comfort to the family. It will be important to be present when gifts to the Brothers are requested in lieu of flowers. The Development Office requests volunteers for occasional service in this new ministry. The time commitment would be no more than once or twice a year. As the office is made aware of the death of a benefactor, someone will contact a Brother to ask if he is able to attend; whether in Chicago, or throughout the District. Brothers who can volunteer for this new project, please contact Rob Cummings in the Development Office at 630-323-3725 or rcummings@cbmidwest.org

Happy Birthday Brothers

This feature supports a Brother in skilled care. Send a card or letter; make a visit or a phone call.

- **Brother Matt Szatkowski** will celebrate his 75th birthday on October 11th - 10631 Vinedale St., Sun Valley, CA 91352. (818) 394-9168
- **Brother Leo Srubas** will celebrate his 83rd birthday on October 7th – Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Ave. #133, Chicago, IL 60631. (773) 467-5133

Wicker Basket Prayer Program

Brother Visitor is asking for continued support in praying for alumni, friends and benefactors. Hundreds of prayer requests have been delivered to the District Office and are on the way to the Brother’s communities. In an effort to honor those prayers, as a treasured charism of the Christian Brothers, all Brothers and Lasallians are asked to take time to reflect upon and pray for these individual intentions in community or in personal prayer. New cards will be delivered on an ongoing basis to replenish the basket. The District Office thanks everyone for their generous attention to these prayer requests from the extended Lasallian family!

Groundbreaking held at Joliet Catholic Academy

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on August 23rd at Joliet Catholic Academy’s new Heritage Quad. The event launched the construction of the landscaped outdoor space, which is to be anchored by a 35-foot reproduction of the school’s landmark “victory light,” the original of which sits atop the former Joliet Catholic High School building. That building is now the Victory Centre of Joliet, but the iconic light remains a powerful symbol for the school. The reproduction will feature four alcoves, one for JCA and one for each of the schools that merged with or were the predecessors to the current school: St. Francis Academy, De La Salle High School and Joliet Catholic High School. The goal, officials said, is to create something that recognizes JCA's past graduates and teachers and honors the school’s history and tradition.
Brother Larry appointed a Director

Brother Larry Schatz appointed Brother Michael Fehrenbach as Director of the Emmaus Community for a three-year term.

Directory Changes

- San Miguel Community – page 9 – change phone – Cell: (773) 610-9445
- Ms. Liz DiPlacido – page 50 – correct email - edip3@aol.com

Brother Brian Henderson begins new ministry

Brother Dennis Malloy, Visitor of DENA, has announced that Brother Brian Henderson will begin a new ministry, the Accompaniment of Young Lasallian Professionals. It is not a newly created position for the District but a re-casting of a current position in service to the promotion of the Brothers’ vocation. After twenty-four years in leadership at St. Francis High School in Baltimore and at Saint Gabriel’s Hall outside of Philadelphia, Brother Brian is beginning a new ministry which will formalize what he has done so well informally the past twenty-four years – accompanying young Lasallians on their journey of faith and service to the Lasallian mission. Two of the top priorities, consistently identified at General Chapters and more recently at International Mission Assemblies, for the future of the Lasallian mission are the need for formation and for accompaniment. With fewer Brothers in the ministries and with the first waves of retirement of “first generation” Lasallians, the need to strengthen support for the formation and accompaniment of the youngest Lasallians is imperative to ensure the vitality of the Lasallian mission.

Lasallian Day Stevens Point was a success

On September 9th Brother Larry Schatz, Visitor, Rob Cummings, Chief Development Officer, and Megan Davison, Assistant Director of Development drove to Stevens Point, WI, to host the first annual Lasallian Day Stevens Point! The event in Stevens Point kicked off a year of travel and being "together and by association." It was especially delightful since some of the folks who attended were former students or former teachers at Pacelli High School back when the Brothers were affiliated with the school. Brother Larry Schatz gave an update on the Midwest District, spoke about his time in Rome for the General Chapter, and about some of the goals of the Brothers moving forward. It's always a great time being with family!!
Health News

Influenza Vaccine

Anyone 6 months and older is advised to have an annual flu vaccination. Those that should not get the flu vaccination are children younger than 6 months of age or individuals with allergies to vaccine, such as an egg allergy. Refer to CDC guidelines for special information regarding those with egg allergies. Prior to getting the flu injection, Brothers should consult their primary care provider about any concerns regarding administration of the flu vaccine. Those who have ever had Guilian-Barre’ Syndrome or who are currently sick or have special health problems should consult their provider.

Influenza is an illness that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. About 90% of the deaths are in people 65 years or older. The season can start as early as October and last as late as May. The vaccination period ideally should start by October and continue as late as January. An annual flu vaccination is the best way to decrease the chance of getting the flu and spreading it to others. The more people are vaccinated, the less chance of spreading the flu throughout the community. After the flu vaccination is administered the body will form antibodies within two weeks. These antibodies will protect the individual against infection with the viruses that are in the vaccine. The vaccine contains protection against the particular viruses that research indicates will be the most common for the season. The traditional vaccination will protect individuals against two influenza A viruses (H1N1 and H3N2) and one influenza B virus. A medical provider will recommend which vaccine is best for an individual’s particular age or health status.

The flu vaccine cannot cause the actual flu illness. Flu vaccines that are administered with a needle are currently made with inactivated viruses or no flu viruses. These vaccines cannot cause an infection to the individual. The nasal spray vaccine does contain live viruses. The viruses, however, are so weak that they cannot cause an illness. Although the injectable flu vaccine cannot cause influenza, there are side effects such as soreness, redness, or swelling in the area where the shot was given, fever-usually low-grade, and body aches. Tylenol or Ibuprofen can be given to treat these mild side effects, if approved by a provider.

It is still possible to get the flu even though you have had the flu vaccine. The ability for the vaccine to protect someone against the flu is dependent on the age and health of the individual and the match between the viruses uses to make the vaccine and those viruses that are actually circulating in your community. The viruses in the community and the ones in the vaccine may be closely matched which will make the vaccine effective even if the viruses are not a match. The individual may have a mild illness or may not have any complications of the flu. Therefore, the vaccine does provide some cross-protection against other viruses.

The flu is spread to other individuals by droplets when people with the flu cough, sneeze, or talk. The droplets are inhaled up to 6 feet away and pass from the nose or mouth to the lungs. A person can also get the flu by touching a surface or object that is contaminated with the flu virus. If someone is sick, the individual should stay at home and avoid contact with others. Washing hands as often as possible with an antibacterial soap is important to prevent the spread.

If Brothers have concerns about getting the flu vaccine, contact a health provider for consultation. It is important to have the vaccine so as to prevent the complications that could occur. For those living in a community it becomes even more important to take the vaccine and to use precautions when sick with any episodic illness in order to prevent the spread of any illness. Remember good hand washing and covering the mouth when coughing or sneezing is very important.

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