



June-July 2018

Saint Mary's named new President



Mary Ann Remick, chair of the Board of Trustees of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, announced on May 1st that **Rev. James P. Burns, IVD**, will become the 14th President of the university on July 9th. He has demonstrated success in enrollment growth, philanthropy, online education and international partnerships. He has served as the dean at Woods College of Advancing Studies at Boston College. Previously he was co-chair and associate professor of the Graduate School of Psychology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Father Burns holds a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling psychology from Northeastern University in Boston, a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of St. Thomas, and a master's degree from St. Paul Seminary's School of Divinity. He received his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of St. Thomas School of Business. Currently an associate professor in the Counseling Psychology Department in the Lynch School of Education at Boston College, Father Burns is an active researcher, a highly accomplished author, and a licensed psychologist in Minnesota and Massachusetts. He sits on a number of professional boards and committees and is a doctoral program accreditor for the American Psychological Association. He is a member of the Institute Voluntas Dei, a clerical secular institute of consecrated life. Congratulations, Father Burns!

First nominations for the next Visitor were counted

On May 15th the Nominations Committee counted the first ballots in the process of nominating a Brother to become the next Visitor of the Midwest District when the current term of **Brother Larry Schatz** concludes at the end of June 2019. Those Brothers who received 10% or more of the nominations of the ballots cast became the top candidates. They are **Brothers Patrick Conway, Christopher Englert, Michael Fehrenbach, Michael French, James Gaffney, Thomas Johnson, Michael Kadow, Dale Mooney, Michael O'Hern, Michael Quirk, and Robert Smith**. Six other Brothers received five or more nominations, and twenty-five others received less than five nominations. On May 31st the candidates will participate in a discussion with the District Council and later will engage in a conversation with the Lasallian Mission Council. Candidates may withdraw their names after June 15th. The final three Brother candidates will participate in special forums during the District Days on July 19-21. The second and final balloting will take place in September. The Nominations Committee included **Paula Noreiko, Sherri Kavanagh, and Brother Joseph Martin**.

Brothers' Conference will be in July

The 47th Assembly of the Religious Brothers Conference will be held in Potomac, MD, on July 20-23. The keynote speaker is **John Mark Falkenhain, OSB**, who will speak on the "Zealous Brother and the Work of Zeal." For details - http://www.todaysbrother.com/?page_id=29

Cindy Reif joined Burr Ridge staff



On May 21st **Cindy Reif** started her position as Accounting Clerk in the Burr Ridge office. She has been working with **Jill O'Brien** who will retire on June 7th after twenty-seven years of service with the Christian Brothers. Cindy will be in the office three days per week processing accounts payable and receivable, depositing funds, and assisting the accounting manager. Cindy was an accountant at NICOR for five years and a senior financial analyst at Aon Insurance for ten years. She worked as a senior budget analyst and later as budget director at Pillars Community Health for the past eighteen years. She holds a BA in accounting from Western Illinois University. Cindy and her husband Bob live in Darien. They have two adult daughters, Caitlin who lives in Chicago and Jessica who lives in northern Virginia. Welcome, Cindy!

Haley Renison completed her year

The Midwest District Young Lasallian Coordinator, **Haley Renison**, will complete her one year commitment to the District on June 15th. Thank you to Haley for her excellent work with Young Lasallians. Her dedication to her ministry was apparent to all with whom she interacted, and she accomplished much in her part time position. Haley graduated from Lewis University with a degree in theology on May 20th. She was the Lasallian speaker for the undergraduate commencement ceremony. The Midwest District wishes her well as she begins her graduate studies this fall at Catholic Theological Union. Everyone hopes to hear her zealous Lasallian voice in the coming years!

Let Us Remember book was released



Let Us Remember: Stories of the Holy Presence of God is now available. This first publication of the Lasallian Publications Committee (LPC) features a compilation of fifty-two stories that show different ways people experience the presence of God among the details of Lasallian life. The hope with *Let Us Remember* is to inspire readers with these stories and encourage them to pay attention to their own experiences, having just a little better insight into how God reaches out to all in very specific, life-giving ways, especially as part of the Lasallian charism and contexts. LPC member **Brother George Van Grieken** served as the project manager and editor. Published by Saint Mary's Press, the book is available in print and digital formats on the Saint Mary's Press website.

Praesidium team visited the Midwest District

Praesidium, an independent organization, is the national leader in abuse risk management. Its mission is to create safe environments that protect the children, the elderly or vulnerable adults from abuse and also environments that protect employees, volunteers, religious and clergy from false allegations of abuse. In 2015 the Brothers of the Midwest District were found to be in compliance with the highest standards for protecting children, and the District was approved for its second three-year accreditation. From May 21-23 **Ryan Frazier** and **Kiran Rupani** audited the Midwest District to ensure that it remains in compliance with the highest national standards. They thoroughly reviewed the appropriate files and records of the Midwest District, interviewed administrators and formation personnel, and visited several communities to interview some Brothers. The Brothers had already completed three online required courses and signed an acknowledgement form that they had read and understood the revised 2018 policy booklet for the Midwest District. The Midwest District anticipates a renewed accreditation for five years which will be announced in August.

John XXIII Center dinner was held



The annual fundraising dinner sponsored by the John XXIII Educational Center Sustainability Committee was held April 28th at Hickory Hall in Racine, WI. After guests enjoyed a dinner prepared by Danny's Meat Market, Educational Center staff presented a video showing how John XXIII provides programs that give children individually guided assistance so that they can graduate from high school, ready for further education and workforce opportunities. Serving students in grades 6 through 12, the after-school program provides a supervised study hall, mentoring and tutoring. Staff members also work in

school settings to offer outreach programs to students identified by counselors for more individualized guidance. The outreach courses discuss bullying or other daily challenges students may encounter.

All Brothers are invited to the Annual Alumni Golf Outing

The District Office is gearing up for the Annual Alumni Golf Outing. Over the last several years the outing has generated over \$300,000 for the care of Senior Brothers. Alumni from St. George and St. Mel, as well as friends of the Brothers, are invited to participate. Brothers who would like to play golf, attend dinner, help out with registration, or simply be present may contact **Joanna Wagner** at 630-323-3725, ext. 220 or email at jwagner@cbmidwest.org. Alumni have the opportunity to sponsor Brothers for either golf or dinner, and the attendance by Brothers means a lot. Annual Alumni Golf Outing - Monday, September 10, 2018 - Rain Date: September 17, 2018 - Registration Opens: 9:30 AM - Cocktails & Dinner: 4:30 PM. Old Orchard Country Club, 700 W Rand Road, Mt. Prospect, IL 600656.

Lasallian Day Chicago is in June

This year's Lasallian Day Chicago will be held on June 20th at De La Salle Institute, 3434 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60616. All three of the current Midwest District novices will be in attendance and will share the stories of their vocation. This is an event not to miss. For more information and to RSVP, call **Joanna Wagner** at (630) 323-3725, ext. 220 or online at www.cbmidwest.org/WP1/lasallian-days.

New Young Lasallian Coordinator hired

Abby Michels will begin her role as the Midwest District Young Lasallian Coordinator on August 1st. An education major, Abby is a 2011 graduate of Lewis University. After college she was a Lasallian Volunteer for two years, serving at De La Salle Academy in Concord, CA. This past year she served at the Catalyst Circle Rock School in Chicago. She is the first full time salaried person in this important Lasallian ministry. Welcome, Abby!

Brother Larry Schatz announced the return of the KabarA Challenge

For the past three years, long-time friend and supporter of the Brothers, **Betty Kabara**, challenged the alumni and friends of the Christian Brothers to a matching gift challenge to benefit the Senior Brothers of the Midwest District. The \$25,000 leadership gift from Betty has encouraged donors from around the country to respond with unparalleled support. This past November Betty raised the bar once again with a \$1 million gift to the Brothers. The majority of the gift has been dedicated to endowing her gift to the KabarA Challenge. In recognition of the gift, the Provincial office building in Burr Ridge, Illinois, will be permanently renamed the Dr. Jon and Betty Kabara Provincialate Center. The naming ceremony will take place on August 24th.

Congratulations to

Brother Martin Montoya received his MBA degree from Lewis University during the commencement ceremony at Lewis University on May 20th. He is the coordinator of the International Lasallian Institute for Sustainability and the Environment at Lewis. Congratulations, Brother Martin!

New tenant at Burr Ridge office

The new tenant in the Burr Ridge office building is The Stough Group who moved in on May 1st. They now occupy the offices on the first floor across the hall from the Midwest District. Their normal roster should include about eight people. One person works three days a week and another comes in for around ten hours per week. They are a real estate organization, but their specialty is managing housing developments. Welcome to our new neighbors!

DENA conducted a retreat for women

“Listening with our hearts to transform the world” was the theme for the sixth annual DENA Women’s Retreat held at Christian Brother’s Center, Narragansett, RI, the weekend of April 13-15. The final report from the Lasallian Global Women’s Symposium and Lasallian Reflection #3 served as the foundational Lasallian documents for the retreat. As always, the true inspiration that emerged for those gathered are the lives and experiences of the participants engaged in living their vocational commitment to the Lasallian mission. The group of women that were in attendance spanned seventy years of life and over one hundred years of service to the Lasallian mission of providing education and social services to those in need. This year the group was blessed to welcome women who are currently serving as Lasallian volunteers. Lasallians have the need to take time, to pause for a few minutes or longer to remember that “we are in the holy presence of God.” The practice of centering prayer, deep breathing and journaling are all expressions of ways that everyone can enter into a space of “being” and “of presence.” The dates for next year’s retreat are April 5-7, 2019 and will have a special focus on the Year of Lasallian Vocations and the role of Women in the founding story.

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother Richard Roller** – 17 June 1935 – Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Ave., Room 156, Chicago, IL 60631. (773) 775-2467
- **Brother Thomas Geraghty** – 24 June 1940 – Catholic Eldercare, 817 Main St. NE, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN 55413. (612) 379-1370
- **Brother Milton Barker** -27 July 1948 – River Village East, 2919 Randolph St. NE, Apt. 408, Minneapolis, MN 55418. (763) 227-4618.
- **Brother Edwin Dupré** – 6 July 1931 - Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Avenue, Room 266, Chicago, IL 60631. (773) 441-0305
- **Brother Kevin Brutcher** – 11 July 1940 - Catholic Eldercare, 817 Main Street NE, Room 222, Minneapolis MN 55413. (612) 362-2010
- **Brother Robert Thomas** – 18 July 1942 - Cerenity Senior Care, 514 Humboldt Avenue # 303, Saint Paul, MN 55107. (651) 259-1732
- **Brother Fred Oberreider** – 24 July 1931 - St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California Ave., #176, Chicago, IL 60618. (773) 478-4222 - Room 176

Rest in Peace

- **Joseph Hofmeister**, 81, former **Brother Justinian Cormac**, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 22nd. He entered the novitiate in Glencoe in 1954 and studied in the scholasticate at Saint Mary's College. He taught at La Salle H.S. and St. Xavier H.S. in Cincinnati. He was dispensed from his vows in August 1968. For thirty-seven years he taught at Cincinnati Country Day School. Survivors include his wife Frances, two sons and four grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 30th at Good Shepherd Community in Cincinnati.
- **Jean Pierre Turgeon**, 74, former **Brother Justin Paulian**, died on April 27th in Richfield, Minnesota. He entered the novitiate in 1961 in Glencoe and studied at Saint Mary's College. He taught at DeLaSalle in Minneapolis and at Benilde in St. Louis Park. For thirty years he worked in the Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems, and he helped to develop the library at Catholic Eldercare. Survivors include two brothers, one sister and nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 11th at St. Richard's Church in Richfield.
- **Antoinette "Toni" Fox**, 99, died in Winona, MN, on May 26th. She was the mother of **Mary Catherine Fox, AFSC**, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at SMUMN. Other survivors include four sons and eleven grandchildren among others. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on June 7th at Annunciation BVM Church in Aurora, IL. A Memorial Mass is being planned for a future date at the Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka in Winona and will be announced later.
- **Eliana Rodriguez Parham**, 89, mother of **Brother Alan**, died on May 27th in Pensacola, FL. A Memorial Service was held on May 31st at Harper Morris Funeral Home.