

N News Notes



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Welcome Brother

The Midwest District is pleased to welcome **Brother An Thien Pham** (Vietnam) who arrived in August at SMUMN. He is a student in the Lasallian Language Institute and lives in the Winona Community. Saint Mary's University #1253, Winona, MN 55987, Atpham18@smumn.edu, Cell: (858) 262-3361. Welcome, Brother An!

Christian Brothers Services provided an endowment



Celebrating the fruits of his vision and dedication, Christian Brothers Services (CBS) honored its founder, **Brother Joel Damian Wilhelm** with an endowment to Lewis University. This gift will recognize his contributions that will serve well into the future with the "Brother Joel Damian, FSC, Business Plan Competition." The endowment will offer a platform that fosters entrepreneurial thinking and transforms thoughts into reality, better preparing students to compete in today's global world. It will instill the entrepreneurial spirit in future students reminiscent of the visionary thinking of Brother Damian, who orchestrated the concept of pooling resources to help define insurance and financial needs and requirements, making the Christian Brothers one of the first religious orders to do so. The business plan competition, which began in 2013, is the marquee event hosted by Lewis University's **Lowell Stahl** Center for Entrepreneurship and Real Estate. The ongoing program is designed to help student entrepreneurs launch new business ideas. Open to all Lewis University students, the program provides

feedback and guidance from faculty, Lewis alumni and industry professionals. The top teams compete in the finals, where they present their ideas live in front of a judging panel. Funds are awarded to top performers to assist in startup costs for their business model. Brother Damian was a pioneer of his time and was instrumental in creating Christian Brothers Services. He died in October 1991.

Prescription drug subsidy verification may be coming

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. Those who might have questions after receiving the form should contact **Brother Joe Saurbier** at the Provincialate Office.

Brother Larry Schatz appointed a Director

In early September **Brother Larry Schatz** re-appointed **Brother Frank Carr** as the Director of the Winona Christian Brothers Community for a three year term. Congratulations, Brother Frank!

Brothers Celebrate 100 years in Louisiana



The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) held a special celebration in observance of the 100th year of the De La Salle Christian Brothers' continuous presence in Louisiana. The daylong event took place on July 28th in the New Orleans French Quarter. With the theme "Procuring God's Glory from Generation to Generation," the celebration recognized the achievements of the Brothers in Louisiana and celebrated with the Louisiana Lasallian family the life of the Brothers and their mission with Lasallian Partners in the world today. Brothers from across the District were joined by a large contingent of local Partners, benefactors and friends for morning mass at Saint

Louis Cathedral, a reception and presentation at the Old Ursuline Convent Museum, and a reception and river cruise on the Steamboat Natchez. The Brothers were first sent to the Diocese of New Orleans in 1819, but administrative confusion resulted in the venture being short-lived. They returned to Louisiana from 1851-1900, operating schools until epidemics and financial hardships forced them to withdraw a second time. Then in 1918 a number of Brothers – who four years earlier had fled the Mexican Revolution – were assigned to Covington, Louisiana, to assume operation of Saint Paul's School from the Benedictines of Saint Joseph's Abbey. That same year in New Iberia, Louisiana, another group of Brothers established Saint Peter's College (a high school), now Catholic High. Both the De La Salle Christian Brothers and schools conducted by them have been present in Louisiana ever since.

Lewis University dedicated new student center

On September 27th Lewis University dedicated its new aviation-inspired **Brother James Gaffney, FSC**, Student Center, named after its President *Emeritus*.

Lewis President, **Dr. David Livingston**, recalled the many contributions Brother James made to the university and called him a man great character. Before a crowd of about 600 guests, the ceremony included a blessing with holy water and a ribbon cutting which involved students, staff, faculty, donors and Trustees.

The building's metal roof features an exposed grid evocative of an aircraft's internal structure. The roof is supported by tapering exterior columns reminiscent of wing struts, and a glassy, two and a half story central atrium suspends a vintage airplane from its ceiling. The plane is an aerobatic kit airplane built in 1980 and donated in the 1990s by retired Chicago Channel 7 TV news reporter, **Joel Daley**. The Christen Eagle II is a fixed wing, single engine aircraft with two seats and a Lycoming engine. The Center is a 26,000 square foot structure with meeting rooms for student organizations, a 24 hour convenience store and café, outdoor terraces, and a game room. The design features a communal dining room as well as private dining spaces for undergraduate clubs to reserve.



Rest in Peace

- **Dan Poos**, 58, brother of **Brother David**, died on August 30th in Erlanger, KY. Other survivors include his wife, Valerie, one son, several siblings, and nieces and nephews. A funeral service was conducted on September 8th at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions in Erlanger.

Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School officially opened



Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School, St. Elizabeth Campus in Oakland, California, officially opened its doors as the newest Lasallian ministry of the District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) on August 15th. The co-educational high school is located on the site of the former St. Elizabeth High School, which operated from 1921 to 2017. Rooted in both the Lasallian mission and the Cristo Rey school model, Cristo Rey De La Salle offers “a rigorous and personalized college preparatory curriculum integrated with a corporate work study experience that prepares students of limited economic means to succeed in college and in life.” The sixty-nine members of the school’s founding class of 2022 and nineteen faculty and staff members, along with current families and St. Elizabeth alumni gathered for mass at adjoining St.

Elizabeth Church, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the school’s front steps. Before the mass, Cristo Rey De La Salle’s President **Michael Anderer** and Principal **Ana Hernandez** formally welcomed the attendees.

Congratulations

- **Brother Roman Jarosz** is retired in Memphis, TN, but he remains the Peer Tutor Coordinator at Christian Brothers H.S. Always a cheery person with a humorous quip, he said that all tutored students are doing well, but he would like to lift their GPA’s with volunteer help from Honors Students. He added that at least 98% of tutored students do raise their grades. Dr. Mike Skirius of the Counseling Department called Brother Roman “the miracle worker of needy students.”
- **Brother Terence McLaughlin**, 95, was featured in the September 17th issue of the online *Memphis City Magazine*. The article recalled his acceptance in 1963 of 13 year-old Jesse Turner, the first Black student to apply to Christian Brothers High School, an all-white Catholic high school. That was 10 years before the city of Memphis moved to integrate all of its schools. Officials in the Memphis Diocesan Offices were not pleased, including the Bishop. With his no-nonsense manner and good judgment, Brother Terence quietly and utterly changed the lives of first one boy and then a trickle that grew to a stream.

The LVs are ready to run!

The LVs are running again! For the 13th time, they are ready to race. The 2018 LVs Run will be part of the 9th Annual Race by the Bay. They are coming together to be part of this fast-paced fundraiser. All proceeds generated from LVs Run directly benefit Lasallian Volunteers. This year 41 Lasallian Volunteers are serving around the country helping to continue the Lasallian mission. Lasallian Volunteers are dedicated, well-trained young people serving in economically challenged schools and agencies around the nation. Serving in the mission and spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, LVs are reinforcing the idea that through education the cycle of poverty can be broken. The LVs Run goal is to raise \$60,000, and generous contributions can help to make this goal a reality. Checks can be made payable to “Christian Brothers Conference.” Mail all checks to LVs Run, Christian Brothers Conference, 415 Michigan Avenue NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20017-4501.

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 Paszkiet** will celebrate his 76th birthday on October 12th. Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 7050 S. Madison St. Room 233-A, Willowbrook, IL 60527. No phone.

International symposium drew Lasallians from eleven countries

Educators from across the world gathered to discuss research in crucial areas, such as online learning, spirituality, women in leadership, and more, as part of the seventh annual International Symposium on Lasallian Research on September 21-23. Held annually at the SMUMN Twin Cities campus and co-sponsored by Christian Brothers Conference, the symposium involved 126 professors, administrators, researchers, and students from eleven countries. Creative minds gathered to dialogue about the key characteristics or key areas that comprise the field of Lasallian research today; look beyond a study solely of the origins, tradition, and heritage in Lasallian research; break open the possibilities for Lasallian research in the 21st century; and propose avenues or topics for future Lasallian research. Through sharing research, attendees were able to gain ideas, ask questions, and collaborate on future projects that revolve around critical global topics. Three keynote presentations were featured at the symposium: “From Chaos to Ethical Clarity: The Quest for Lasallian Higher Education in Today’s Global Society,” delivered by **Brother Louis DeThomasis**, President *Emeritus* of Saint Mary’s University; “Conversations on Cross Institution Research,” delivered by **Carmelita Quebengco**, AFSC, Ph.D., consultant to the president and chancellor emeritus at De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines; “Making Peace Possible: Grassroots Peacebuilding Leaders,” delivered by **Brother Cristhian Diaz**, Ed.D. ’18, Principal of the Normal School in Gigante, Huila, Colombia. Participants also heard from other researchers during breakout sessions and panel discussions centered around four themes: innovation in education; environment and sustainability; food, nutrition, and health; and health care. There were opportunities for networking through shared meals and social gatherings.