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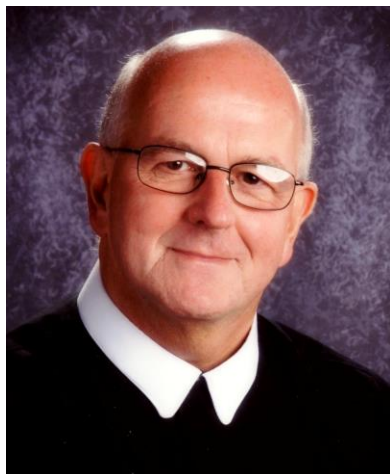
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Brother Michael Fehrenbach named next Provincial



On October 9th **Brother Larry Schatz** announced that **Brother Robert Schieler**, Superior General, has appointed **Brother Michael Fehrenbach** as the next Provincial of the Midwest District. His appointment is effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. He is currently the Director of Lasallian Formation for the Midwest District at the office in Burr Ridge. A native of Cincinnati, OH, Brother Michael celebrated his 50th Jubilee as a Brother in 2015. He entered the novitiate in 1965 at Glencoe, MO, and professed his final vows there in 1973. He holds a B.A. from CBU in Memphis, an M.Ed. from Xavier University Cincinnati, and an M.P.S. from Loyola New Orleans. Over his years as a Brother he served in teaching, refugee resettlement, peace and justice, family life and vocation work. From 1995 to 2001 Brother Michael was the Auxiliary Provincial for the Midwest District, from 2003 to 2008 he was the COO of the San Miguel Schools Chicago, and from 2006 to 2014 he was the Facilitator of Formation for Lasallian Culture and Mission for the Chicago Catalyst Schools. He has been the Director of Lasallian Formation since 2014 and is in his second term as Director of the Chicago Emmaus Community. Congratulations, Brother Michael!

Brother David Poos appointed President of CBHS



On October 25th the Board of Directors of Christian Brother H.S. in Memphis announced the appointment of **Brother David Poos** as the school's next President. He is succeeding **Brother Chris Englert**. Brother David brings a wealth of experience in enrollment management, fundraising, academic innovation and campus management and expansion from his tenure at Bishop Kelley H.S. in Tulsa and at Christian Brothers College H.S. in St. Louis. As a current member of the Christian Brothers H.S. faculty, he is aware of the unique tradition of the school and its role in the larger community. The Board found that Brother David exemplifies the most important and desired characteristics which were identified by the stakeholders in the search process. His appointment reflects the wishes and desires of all constituencies. Following the decision of the Board of Directors, the Lasallian Mission Council of the Midwest District ratified the appointment. Brother David will begin his term in

January 2019. Congratulations, Brother David!

Happy
Thanksgiving!

2019 Glencoe Homecoming is set

The next Glencoe Homecoming is scheduled for June 21-23, 2019. The program is hosted by La Salle Retreat Center beginning on Friday afternoon and ending late morning on Sunday. The Overnight Package is \$215 per person (or \$200 if paid in full by April 30) and includes a room for two nights, five meals and two socials, including the homecoming banquet on Saturday evening. The program ONLY is \$140 per person (or \$125 if paid in full by April 30) and includes the five meals, two socials and the Homecoming events. Alternative lodging is available at Drury Inn at 5 Lambert Drury Place, St. Louis, 63088, (800-325-0720). More information and a flyer are available from **Michelle Cook** at the retreat center - 636-938-5374, ext. 302, or mcook@lasalleretreat.org . More information and registration is available on the website. This is the direct link - <http://bit.ly/homecoming2019> .

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother Raymond Bonderer** will celebrate his 68th birthday on November 13th. St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California Ave. #177, Chicago, IL 60618. (773) 253-3697.

Welcome Brother Nestor

Brother Nestor Anaya, Secretary of Association for the Lasallian Mission at the Generalate, will reside with the DeLaSalle Community in Minneapolis from late October to late November. He will study and practice English, possibly with a tutor, and he anticipates participating in the Lasallian Education Council meeting and attending the Huether program in Minneapolis from November 15-17. Welcome, Brother Nestor!

International Lasallian Advisory Research Group met in Minneapolis

The International Lasallian Advisory Research Group (ILARG) established by members of different Lasallian universities, institutes and centers had its first gathering at SMUMN on September 23rd to increase research collaboration among Lasallian higher education institutions regarding Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si.* During the gathering ILARG members established three common areas for doing together research on environmental sustainability. These areas are (1) water, air, and soil pollution measured by bioindicators, (2) the healthy state of cities based on the principles of sustainability, and (3) campus university transitions through sustainable development. The coordinators of these international research lines are Universida de La Salle (Brazil), La Salle Campus Barcelona URL (Spain), and Lewis University (USA), respectively. ILARG members were aware of the necessity of finding funding to develop these areas of research. In addition, the Universidad La Salle ULSA (Mexico) also hopes to establish communication channels among researchers and to create a database to share relevant information about Lasallian universities. Finally, ILARG would like to encourage all Lasallian schools, institutes, centers, and universities to continue promoting research in local and global areas that they are already developing, as well as being attentive to new initiatives.

Rest in Peace

- **Rita A. Johnson**, 96, mother of **Brother Thomas**, died on October 10th. Other survivors include two other sons and two daughters and grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on October 27th at St. Celestine Church in Elmwood Park, IL. Interment was private.
- **Bruce "Bud" Vance**, 76, brother of **Brother Thomas Dominic**, died on October 16th in Buffalo Grove, IL. Other survivors include his wife Pauline, another brother Brian and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary Church in Buffalo Grove with interment at St. Mary Cemetery.

New Lasallian School in Vietnam

In the central highlands of Vietnam, there is a desperate need for inclusive, high-quality secondary education. To meet this need, the Truong Vinh Ky La Salle Secondary School has recently become operational. The primary objectives of the school are to eliminate the stigma suffered by the local Montagnard population – a minority group that lives in a situation of socio-economic and linguistic marginalization. The school educates students from various cultural groups, promoting mutual respect and exchange between different cultures. In this way the school will be a catalyst to change the local attitude of discrimination toward the Montagnard people. Providing students with proper training will allow all children to pursue their studies, earn a diploma, and learn skills which will provide an opportunity for future employment. Of the eight hundred students attending the school, 50% will be girls.

Congratulations

- **Brother Steven Schonhoff**, religion teacher at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, MO, was selected as the Grand Marshal of the school's homecoming parade. Brother Steven has served at Helias since 1991, and last year he celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a De La Salle Christian Brother.
- **Brother Joseph Martin** was featured in the October/November 2018 issue of *Family Tree Magazine* for locating his missing paternal grandfather after a 48-year search. The article, "Leave No Trace: DNA Unravels a Grandfather's Shifting Identities," reported that years of research proved unsuccessful, until he took the *23andMe* DNA test last December. On May 1st this year he connected with a woman who is a great granddaughter of his grandfather from a previously unknown first marriage, and she is his second cousin. Brother Joseph's recent article, "After 48 Years I Found My Missing Grandfather: Francis Wesley Williams," appeared in the Fall 2018 issue of the *Quarterly* of the Illinois State Genealogical Society.
- **Samantha VenHuizen**, Associate Director of Development for the Midwest District, gave birth to her first child, James Ryan, on October 23rd. She and her husband Ryan live in Lockport, IL. Congratulations, Samantha and Ryan!

Katie Bauser joined LV staff

Lasallian Volunteers announced that **Katie Bauser** joined the staff as the new recruitment coordinator effective October 29th. She has spent the past two years working with United Way of Greater Atlanta focusing on Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). Katie volunteered with the Franciscan Outreach Association in Chicago, where she served in the local soup kitchen and lived in community with ten other volunteers. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, she received her bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in public policy from Georgia State University. She joined the rest of the staff at Christian Brothers Conference in Washington, DC.

Lasallian leaders joined Secondary Schools Academy

Five Lasallian school leaders participated in the September launch of the second cohort of the Secondary Schools Academy, a program of Saint Louis University's Department of Education in collaboration with the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the Office for Lasallian Education at Christian Brothers Conference, and a number of other religious community sponsors of schools. Designed as a one-year program featuring an in-person component at the beginning and end of the program year, the academy provides a broad overview of major issues, challenges and opportunities confronting modern American, Catholic secondary schools. This year's speaker at the opening gathering was **Brother William Mann**, past President of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, who spoke on the shared Catholic mission. Brother William led a group of distinguished speakers who addressed topics ranging from spirituality to advancement and utilizing and harvesting data for admissions and marketing.