



December 2018

Brother James Miller will be beatified

Pope Francis has decreed that **Brother James Miller** was killed out of hatred for the Catholic faith during Guatemala's civil war and can be beatified. The Vatican said on November 8th that Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing that Brother James died as a martyr February 13, 1982, in Huehuetenago, Guatemala. The 37-year-old Miller, from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, had been working with indigenous youth as a member of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. His fellow brothers reported receiving warnings that Guatemala's armed forces intelligence unit, the G-2 death squad, was looking for them. On March 20, 2018, the nine theologians of the Theology Commission of the Congregation for the Causes of Beatification voted unanimously to recognize his martyrdom. On October 2, 2018, the cardinals and bishops of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints voted to approve the cause. **Giovanni Angelo Cardinal Becciu** is the current Prefect of the Congregation. No beatification date was set. Before he can be canonized one miracle attributed to him must be verified.



DeLaSalle H.S. received an award

DeLaSalle H.S. in Minneapolis received great news. AdvancEd, one of the nation's largest school accreditation agencies with almost 25,000 schools on its client list recognized DeLaSalle as the Minnesota recipient of their "Excellence in Education" award for 2018. AdvancED bestows the award on one school in each state for "demonstrating unparalleled leadership to promote and advance excellence in education." Principal **Jim Benson** accepted the award at a ceremony October 30th in Schaumburg, IL. DeLaSalle completed its latest accreditation in 2017-18, which included a full year of self-study, accumulation of data from student performance as well as student and parent surveys, interviews with over one hundred stakeholders, and a required on-campus visit and assessment by a team of professional educators. The accreditation, current through 2023, gives DeLaSalle a "stamp of approval" with colleges, foundations, families and others, but it also presents a regular opportunity for schools to focus on self-assessment of strengths, challenges, strategies and forward-thinking priorities.

Many Blessings for a Happy and Holy Christmas



Brother Chris will be Auxiliary Visitor



On November 5th Visitor-Elect **Brother Michael Fehrenbach** nominated **Brother Chris Englert** to be his Auxiliary Visitor. At that time he asked the Brothers of the Midwest District to ratify his decision using a Wufoo form to obtain their responses. On December 4th **Brother Robert Schieler**, Superior General, appointed him Auxiliary Visitor of the Midwest District. Brother Chris has been President of Christian Brothers High School in Memphis since 1990. Over the course of his teaching career, he has taught at La Salle High School in Cincinnati, OH; Newport Catholic High School, KY; and Archbishop O'Hara High School in Kansas City, MO. He serves as Trustee of Christian Brothers University. Brother Chris received a B.A. in Humanities from CBU, M.A. in Religious Studies from La Salle University, and a M.A. in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. He

will complete his term as President in December 2018. During the Bell Tower Gala at CBU in Memphis on November 3rd he was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. His appointment as Auxiliary Visitor will be from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023. Congratulations, Brother Chris!

Congratulations

- **Brother Joel McGraw** was presented with the Martin de Porres Award by the Dominican Friars at the University Club of Memphis on October 7th. The award was presented in recognition of his 50+ years of teaching and service to the Brothers and to the Memphis community. Congratulations, Brother Joel!
- At the annual Diocese of Memphis Department of Education Professional Day on October 5th **Brother Chris Englert** received the Christ the Teacher Award, presented to an administrator who is an outstanding example of Christ-like leadership. He also received the 30 Years of Service Award. At the same event **Brother Philip Jones** received the Service Award for his 20 years of dedication at Christian Brother High School. Congratulations, Brothers!
- **Joe Mauer**, a 2001 graduate of Cretin Derham Hall in St. Paul, MN, was featured in the November 19-26 issue of *Sports Illustrated* as a hometown hero. A former professional baseball catcher, designated hitter, and first baseman, he spent his entire 15-year Major League Baseball career with the Minnesota Twins. He won three consecutive Gold Glove Awards (2008–2010) and the 2009 American League MVP Award. He was a three sport star at CDH: basketball, football and baseball. Congratulations, Joe!

Regional archivists met in Philadelphia

The annual conference of the De La Salle Regional Archivists Association (DLSRAA) met at La Salle University in Philadelphia on October 23-25. The conference was hosted by **Brother Joe Grabenstein**, archivist, Legacy Baltimore District and co-archivist, District of Eastern North America (DNA). In attendance were representatives from three of the four Districts and two Brothers from the Institute in Rome. In 1990, when computers were an innovative and novel feature, each District sent its archivist to Memphis for the first-ever conference of the new DLSRAA. The archivists have been meeting almost yearly ever since. The outcome of this meeting resulted in three unanimous agreements: “(1) we will all collaborate to digitize our respective archives, (2) we desire and endorse the creation of a worldwide Lasallian database of our separate repositories, and (3) we stand united with **Brother Diego** and **Brother Hilaire**—and with Brother Superior General and with the General Council—for digital interconnectivity to preserve and to share our unique Lasallian patrimony for the benefit of researchers and future generations.”

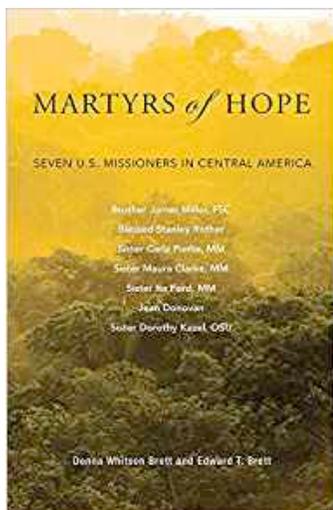
Directory Changes

- **Brother Getachew Nadew** – (correction) residence phone (815) 836-5233.
- **Brother David Schultz** – Effective Dec. 1st – 15 Orchard Terrace, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

Lasallian Educators were honored

At the Huether Conference Distinguished Lasallian Educators Awards Banquet on November 17th in Minneapolis two Midwest District Lasallians were honored. **Kathie Brown** is the Principal at Holy Family Catholic H.S. in Victoria, MN. She has been the only Principal in the school's history. Her embrace of the Founder's teachings has fostered a school culture where the Lasallian spirit is witnessed in all things. **Dr. Jack McClure** is the program director of the EdD in Leadership at SMUMN in Minneapolis. He has been committed to transmitting the Lasallian mission through his classroom teaching and in the many ways he serves the Saint Mary's community. Congratulations to both!

New book is available



Donna Whitson Brett and **Edward T. Brett** have recently published *Martyrs of Hope: Seven U.S. Missioners in Central America*. They trace their interest in Central America to when they heard over the radio that **Brother James Miller** from Wisconsin had been gunned down in Guatemala in February 1982. They researched Guatemala's history and found more than they wanted. They first published a book on their findings in 1988 which won a Christopher Award. This current book incorporates research from new resources that have become available. Besides Brother James they included **Blessed Stanley Rother**, **Sister Carla Piette, MM**, **Sister Maura Clarke, MM**, **Sister Ita Ford, MM**, **Jean Donovan**, and **Sister Dorothy Kazel, OSU**. The book is published by Orbis Books of Maryknoll, NY, and is available at Amazon.

Rest in Peace

- **Soosai Arockiam**, father of **Brother Chris Soosai**, died in India on November 16. He was 90 years old. Brother Christopher is a May 2010 graduate of Saint Mary's University in Winona. In the summer of 2015 he was assigned to Hong Kong where he teaches at La Salle College as well as helping in general Lasallian formation.
- **Thomas Gubbells**, 81, brother of **Brother Mark**, died on November 17th in Randolph, NB. Other survivors include another brother, three children and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 21st at St. Jane Frances de Chantel Church with burial in the church cemetery.
- **Margaret Fowley**, 106, mother of **Brother George**, died at Resurrection Life Center in Chicago on November 19th. She was a few days short of her 107th birthday. Another son, Alan Fowley also survives her. A private memorial service was held on November 28th in the chapel at Resurrection Life Center.
- **William B. Farrell**, 94, brother-in-law of **Brother Konrad Diebold**, died on November 26th in Shorewood, MN. Other survivors include five children and eleven grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on December 7th at St. John the Evangelist Church in Little Canada, MN.

Huether Lasallian Conference was held in Minneapolis

Lasallian educators returned to their ministries with a strengthened sense of community following their experience at the Huether Lasallian Conference, which took place November 15-17. More than 200 Lasallians gathered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 45th annual conference with the theme “Limitless Potential: Transforming Lasallian Communities.” Inspired by the Lasallian Reflection for the 2017-2018 liturgical year, “Lasallians Without Limits,” the program invited Lasallians to explore the critical role they play in transforming communities by going beyond geographical and societal borders. Keynote presenters, breakout sessions, and time for networking and discussion helped Lasallians explore the theme. The conference opened Thursday with a keynote address by **Peter Stemp** and **Brother Téfio Raoul Traoré**, both associate directors of De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale – ONLUS, who encouraged attendees to bring the global Lasallian family to their students. Friday featured a keynote address by **Dr. Michael Fowlin**, psychologist, performer and poet, who shared the idea of the limitless potential that exists when we get to know people for who they really are. Saturday began with a keynote address and panel discussion. **Brother Timothy Coldwell**, General Councilor for the Lasallian Region of North America, and a panel of educators invited participants to reflect on their vocational callings in light of this anniversary year. This year marked the conference’s return to Minneapolis, which is where the first gathering was held in 1973. Huether will be held in Minneapolis again in 2019.

Brothers in initial formation attended retreat

The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) hosted the Brothers in Initial Formation retreat November 8-11 at Saint Joseph’s Camp on the Russian River in Duncans Mills, CA. The retreat theme was “Being Brother in the Young Church Today” and was facilitated by **Charles Legendre**, AFSC, SFNO Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. The Brothers in initial formation who participated were **Steven Angulo, Ryan Anderson, Paul Avvento, Steven Barbaro, David Deradoorian, Johnathon Emmanuelson, Mark Engelmeyer, Javier Hansen, Matt Kotek, J.D. Macioce, Patrick Martin, Kyle Mena, Dylan Perry** and **Rafael Rodriguez**. The purpose of the Initial Formation Retreats is to develop among those Brothers fraternal and social support, provide input and education on topics central to their personal and professional growth, and encourage ongoing dialogue and processing around their experiences. This accompaniment serves the Brothers in initial formation as they deepen their vocation as De La Salle Christian Brothers in the Church.