

N News Notes



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Nine jubilarians will be honored this year

This year the Midwest District will honor nine Brothers for their years of service in Christian education. The celebration will take place on July 20th at Lewis University with details to be announced later. Those honored include the following: 70 Years – **Brothers Louis Althaus, Arnold McMullen, Edwin Dupre**; 60 Years – **Brothers William Clarey, Michael Flaherty, Bernard Brunghardt, Michael Lee Anderson**; 50 Years – **Brothers Raymond Bonderer, David Kuebler**. If there are any corrections to this list, please contact **Sherri Kavanagh** at Burr Ridge (630) 323-3725 or skavanagh@cbmidwest.org.

Brother James Miller committee established

The Midwest District has established a **Brother James Miller** Beatification Committee. The purpose of the committee is to be a connection for any District activities taking place concerning the beatification of Brother James as well as for the actual celebrations of the beatification in Guatemala, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and elsewhere. The committee will not be planning any activities but will support and be a resource for any events planned in the coming months. The members of the committee are the following: **Brother Michael Kadow**, Auxiliary Visitor, mkadow@cbmidwest.org; **Brother Stephen Markham**, Director of Brothers Vocation, smarkham@cbmidwest.org; **Lou Anne Tighe**, Cretin Derham Hall, ltighe@c-dh.org; **Brother Dale Mooney**, De La Salle Blackfeet, brodale@dlsbs.org; **Brother Frank Carr**, St. Mary's Press, carrfr44@gmail.com; **Maryann O'Neill**, Montini Catholic H.S., moneill@montini.org; **Sherri Kavanagh**, Executive Assistant to Visitor Team, skavanagh@cbmidwest.org; **Alex Vasiliades**, Communications Director, avasiliades@cbmidwest.org; and **Brother Michael French**, Special Projects, mfashiko@gmail.com. Contact any of the committee members to invite them to speak about Brother James Miller and his story or to be part of any local ministerial celebrations. Some of the members knew Brother James personally and were directly involved with the circumstances of his ministry in Central America and his subsequent martyrdom. The webpage of the Midwest District has a link for resources about Brother James and his legacy. More information and details about any planned events will be available as the date of the beatification ceremonies in Guatemala and La Crosse become available, possibly in the fall of 2019.

Women's Retreat will be in March

“Rooted in Story” is a Lasallian Women's Retreat that will be held on March 29-31, 2019, at La Salle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, IL. This is an opportunity to gather with Lasallian women from the Midwest District to deepen one's roots and nurture one's soul. The retreat includes room accommodations, bedding and meals and the fee is \$175. Register online at www.lasallemanor.org or call (630) 552-3224 ext. 102.



Lasallian Universities Center for Education (LUCE) plans for next program

Planning for the second full-semester program of the Lasallian Universities Center for Education (LUCE) is underway. LUCE was initiated at the Encuentro meeting in Bogotá in 2015. Representatives from colleges and universities in the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN) initiated a process to develop a center at the Generalate in Rome to support different types of educational opportunities for Lasallian schools across the world. LUCE is intended to provide students with a study abroad experience that provides the traditional benefits of study abroad while also enriching students' sense of belonging to the worldwide Lasallian community. The core of the program features Rome as classroom and has at its heart an academic course or courses focused on the history, culture, art and architecture of Rome with particular attention to the Catholic intellectual tradition as it has shaped the city through the ages. The program also features an emphasis, through curricular and co-curricular enrichment, on Rome as the crossroads of the international Lasallian community. The second full-semester program will take place at the Generalate from February through April 2019. The goal is to have students from the Philippines and Mexico join the program. For information, contact **Dominic Colonna** (Lewis University) at colomndo@lewisu.edu.

Congratulations

Armando Pizano, a 2014 graduate of San Miguel School Chicago, gave a TED talk at Jones College Prep last May on the "Power of Community Members" and the influence a tutor can have. He started a city-wide tutoring organization the summer of his sophomore year. An adventurer at heart, Armando enjoys spending his time trying new things and taking advantage of every opportunity life throws his way. Armando graduated from Jones College Prep in May and currently attends the University of Chicago.

Matthew Billings ran 4,000 miles



Last summer, **Matthew Billings** '14 (CBU) ran 4,000 miles from San Francisco to New York to raise awareness and funds for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. The 26.2-mile TCS New York City marathon must have seemed like a relative breeze compared to that. He finished his first New York marathon in less than three hours (2:58:25), in the top 2% of the 52,697 runners that completed the race. A former cross-country runner at Munford High School and Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Matthew earned his bachelor's degree in 2014 and then joined Lasallian Volunteers. His first job was teaching math at La Salle Academy on the east side of Manhattan. While teaching at La Salle Academy, he also coached track and cross country. One of his runners began experiencing pain in one of his legs and was eventually diagnosed with a form of bone cancer.

Matthew soon found out about the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, which sponsored the 4,000-mile run he completed with a group of 20 other 20-somethings during seven weeks last summer. The group averaged 20 miles per day during the trip and spent one out of every 10 days visiting cancer centers, schools and hospitals throughout the country. He is currently working toward a degree in civil engineering at Manhattan College, while serving as a graduate assistant in the Office of Residence Life. Upon receiving his master's degree, he hopes to teach engineering at a college or university.

Catholic Schools Week is in January

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27 - February 2. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to the church, communities and the nation.

Annual Triduum retreat is scheduled

The annual Triduum Retreat for Brothers of the Midwest District has been scheduled for April 18-20, 2019. The program will be held at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein, IL. The presenter will be **Brother Thomas Johnson**, Director of Initial Formation for the District. The presider for the liturgies will be **Fr. John Fontana**, Prior Provincial of the U.S. Servites. More details will be announced later.

Correction to December News Notes

The December issue of *News Notes* reported on the process of beatification for **Brother James Miller**. The article neglected to mention that **Pope Francis** signed the decree of martyrdom on November 8th paving the way for the beatification ceremony in 2019. No date or place has been announced for the ceremony.

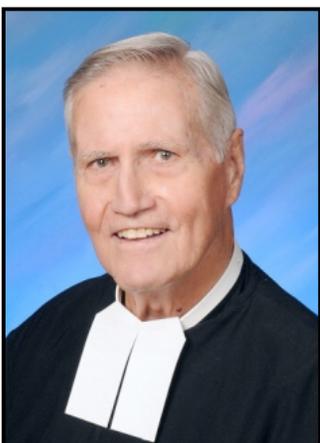
World Day for Consecrated Life is in February

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2nd, however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd, which will be on February 2-3, 2019. In 1997, **Pope Saint John Paul II** instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd and is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. Those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

Midwest District will launch redesigned website

The Midwest District has announced the launch of its redesigned website in January. The new design features a responsive template that is compatible with any device. The content has undergone thorough review and has been consolidated to offer the latest information to visitors. The redesign is more aesthetically pleasing, is easier to use, and offers more resources and tools.

Former CBC President died



Brother Malcolm O'Sullivan, former President of CBC in Memphis, died on December 17th at De La Salle Hall in Lincroft, NJ. Born in Limerick, Ireland, he grew up in Brooklyn, where he attended Bishop Loughlin High School. He entered the novitiate in Barrytown, NY and took the habit in September 1941. He began his teaching career in the Bronx at St. Raymond's School, teaching grades five, seven and eight. He later moved on to teach at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany; St. Joseph's Institute, Barrytown; De La Salle Institute, NY; Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx; La Salle Academy, NY, where he also served as principal. In 1965, he was named director of vocation services for the La Salle Provincialate in New York. In 1969, he was appointed assistant principal of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, NY, and a year later was named President of Christian Brothers College in Memphis. After serving three years as President, Brother Malcolm joined the development staff of Manhattan College as officer for special projects. A Mass of

Christian Burial was celebrated on December 22nd at De La Salle Hall with interment at St. Gabriel's Cemetery in Marlboro, NJ.

Brother Stephen will head to Rome

Brother Stephen Markham, Midwest Director of Contacts, has been assigned to serve as Mentor and Assistant Resident Director for students from Lasallian Universities living at the Brothers' Generalate in Rome. The students are enrolled in the LUCE (Lasallian Universities Center for Education) program, which allows students to spend a semester in Rome while earning a full semester of credits from their respective universities. LUCE 2019 will take place February 1st to April 28th. While in Rome, students take courses in the history, culture, art and architecture of Rome with particular attention to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. In addition to being available to mentor and assist students, Brother Stephen will help organize extracurricular activities, including joining students and faculty on excursions to Scampi, Assisi and Milan and some class scheduled field trips. He will also serve as a liaison with the Brothers at the Motherhouse and seek opportunities to invite individuals to offer presentations on Lasallian topics to the students. Brother Stephen will use electronic communications to continue his role as Director of Contacts for the Midwest District while he is in Rome.

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother Leonard Stoffel** will celebrate his 80th birthday on January 3. St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California, Room 173, Chicago, IL 60618. Cell: (312) 519-0578.

Rest in Peace

- **Charles E. Werle**, 83, brother of **Brother Robert**, died on December 3rd in Selbyville, DE. Other survivors include his wife Barbara and two daughters among others. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 6th at St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City, MD.
- **Sr. Mary Maree Chindahandamrong**, former Superior General of the La Salle Sisters of Vietnam/Thailand (LSS), died on December 7th in Thai Nakarin Hospital, Bangkok. She was born in May 1945 and took her first vows in 1974 and final vows in 1985. A vigil was held in St. John Baptist De La Salle Chapel at La Salle school, Bangkok, for community members, relatives, friends, parents and students present and past to pay their last respects. She was buried from St. Nicholas Church, Pattaya December 13th.

Directory Changes

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- **Brother Paul Ackerman** – 2nd semester – 5225 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60615.