



NAPA Novitiate



New novices partaking in this year's Regional Novitiate. (l-r) Brothers Anwar Martinez, Tony Baginski, Lewis Harwood, Ken Kalinowski, and Michael Miller.

The following five young men entered the Regional Novitiate in Napa, CA on August 14th: Tony Baginski (DENA), Ken Kalinowski (DENA), Anwar Martinez (DENA), Michael Miller (DENA), and Lewis Harwood (Australia). A simple and formal welcoming ceremony was held on Sunday morning, August 22nd. Brother Kevin Slate (SF) serves as Director of Novices and is assisted by Brother Robert Hazard (DENA).

Lasallian Volunteer Orientation



New LVs in a group session.

The annual orientation for our Lasallian Volunteers was held on the campus of La Salle University during the last week of July. This year there are 57 volunteers, including 19 returning from last year. Workshops and presentations throughout the orientation focused on team and community-building, the specific jobs of the LVs, how to live in community, Lasallian spirituality,

diversity, and professionalism. For some of their activities and outings, the group traveled to St. Gabriel's Hall in Pheonixville, PA, San Miguel in Camden, NJ and the DENA Provincialate Community in Lincroft, NJ. In Lincroft the first Lasallian Volunteers Award Ceremony was inaugurated. The **Farrell Community Award**, named in honor of Bro. Michael Farrell, FSC (1940-2009), recognizes a Christian Brother or Lasallian Partner in Community who has lived with Lasal-

lian Volunteers. Recipient: Bro. Ed Gallagher who advised and mentored Lasallian Volunteers for many years. The **Johnston Faith Award** honors Bro. John Johnston, FSC (1933-2007), and recognizes a supporter of the Lasallian Volunteers through their time, talent or treasure. Recipient: Tom and Joanne Darnowski who have both been involved in the LV program for many years. The **Bassen Service Award**, named in honor of Bro. Christopher Bassen, FSC (1942-2006), is given to an alumnus of the Lasallian Volunteers who has continued a life of service. Recipient: Heather Ruple who served as a Lasallian Volunteer at the San Miguel School in Providence from 2001-2003, where she remained after her service and continues to be involved in the LV Program.

2012 Mission Assembly

The next Regional Mission Assembly will take place November 14 – 19, 2012. Members of the Planning Committee include Ms. Tina Bonacci (MW), Mr. Robert Carrejo (NO-SF), Mr. Greg Kopra (SF), Br. Fred Mueller (DENA) Mr. Michael Prat (NO-SF), Dr. Carole Swain (SF), Br. Mark Snodgrass (MW), Mr. Alan Weyland (DENA) and Br. Robert Schieler (CBC). The committee first met—via conference call—in July and is meeting monthly.

San Francisco District Mission Assembly



A finance discussion at the SF District Mission Assembly. (l-r) Jerry Bitz (Board Chair, De La Salle North Catholic High School, Portland, Oregon); Bro. Christopher Brady (Principal, De La Salle High School, Concord, California), Janet Ruggiero (Director of Governance Support, De La Salle Institute, Napa, California)

The San Francisco District held its Mission Assembly on the campus of Saint Mary's College (August 1-4). The Assembly's theme was *Accessibility*. There were 82 participants who were or-

ganized into six focus groups related to particular aspects of accessibility. Invited presenters included Dr. Pedro Noguera, professor from New York University, an expert in urban school reform, Fr. Tim Scully, CSC, professor

at the University of Notre Dame and founder of the Alliance for Catholic Education, Dr. Mary McCall, professor of psychology, Saint Mary's College, California with a specialty on low income populations. The assembly concluded with a series of Lines of Actions to be accomplished in the new four years.

2010 New Teachers Institute



Participants and staff at the DENA New Teachers Institute.

The 2010 East coast New Teachers Institute was blessed with 25 participants and 8 staff members from ministries across DENA who serve as mentors. Held at La Salle University from 2-5 August, the three-day program is designed as a brief, but fairly intensive, education/formation experience for educators who are new to the ministry and profession of teaching and learning, new (or relatively new) to their school, or both. Presentations ranged from an "Introduction to De La Salle" and "Associated for Mission" to "Varied Instruction and Assessment" and "What to Expect the First Few Days."