Results of the Visitor Nomination were announced

The results were announced to the Brothers of the first ballot for the process of nomination and appointment of the Brother Visitor of the Midwest District for the four-year term that begins on July 1, 2011. Of the 119 ballots received, the following Brothers received 10% or more of the ballots cast.

- Brother Patrick Conway 17 votes
- Brother Michael French 17 votes
- Brother James Gaffney 16 votes
- Brother Thomas Hetland 17 votes
- Brother Michael O’Hern 31 votes
- Brother Larry Schatz 86 votes
- Brother Edmund Siderewicz 20 votes

Other Brothers who received nominations include the following: Armand Alcazar (3), Louis Althaus (4), Bede Baldry (3), Milton Barker (7), William Clarey (2), Michael Collins (3), Kevin Convey (2), Konrad Diebold (6), Dominic Ehrmantraut (3), Chris Englert (9), Michael Fehrenbach (6), Michael Flaherty, (2), Dennis Galvin (2), Thomas Harding (2), Lawrence Humphrey (9), Michael Kadow (8), Bernard LoCoco (3), Dale Mooney (3), David Poos (5), Michael Quirk (10), Joseph Saurbier (6), Robert Smith (9), and James Zullo (7). The following Brothers each received one vote: Paul Ackerman, Kevin Fitzgerald, Michael Fugger, David Galinski, Paul Grass, Jeffrey Gros, Cyril Litecky, Stephen Markham, Joseph Martin, Paul McDonough, Robert Veselsky and Robert Walsh.

Automobile insurance will be renewed

The renewal for the District's insurance on vehicles will occur in mid-June. We have not yet received the rates for the fleet program, although last year's rates were the same as the 2008 premium. If you have recently purchased a vehicle or plan to purchase or dispose of one before the renewal date and you have not notified Len Suhadolc in the Finance Office in Burr Ridge, please contact him as soon as possible, but no later than June 1st, so that he can provide the necessary updates to the Risk Pooling Trust. Your cooperation is appreciated.
**Brothers could learn Spanish and teach English**

**Brother Edgar Nicodem**, RELAL General Councilor, has details about opportunities for Brothers to study Spanish while at the same time offering their services to teach English to young Brothers in formation in RELAL. In addition, the District of Antilles – South Mexico - Venezuela is open to receiving Brothers during the summer for a similar experience. Interested Brothers should contact **Brother Frank Carr**.

**The 2010 Merton Centering Prayer Retreat will be in June**

The Merton Centering Prayer Retreat will be held at the David Darst Center from June 1st to concluding after breakfast on June 7th. These Brothers have registered: **Alfred Marshall, Edward Everett, Denis Murphy, Douglas Hawkins, Larry Zeman** and **Raimond Rose**. Sunday Mass will be at the Chicago Archdiocese SPREAD Center. For further information or to register, contact **Brother Denis Murphy** at 773-376-9294. The cost of the retreat is $250.00.

**The process of the Visitor Nomination continues**

The next step in the process of the nomination of the next Visitor calls for the Brother candidates to meet for interviews with the members of the Mission and Ministry Council on May 25th. Four Brothers will not be able to attend that meeting. Thus, an alternative method of engaging with the members of the Council will be explored.

**Renewal of Vows set for May 30th**

Brothers of the Midwest District participate in the tradition of the renewal of vows on Trinity Sunday each year. This year Trinity Sunday will be on May 30th. The renewal could be scheduled during community prayer on that day or before a meal. The vow formula is available at the end of this newsletter.

**Second group of LTIP participants will travel to Guatemala**

On May 16th **Adam Runge** (SMUMN) from Cohort I, and **Jon Delwiche, Cullen Gibbons**, and **Steve Schmidt** (all SMUMN students) from Cohort III will travel to Guatemala in the second phase of Lasallian Teacher Immersion Program. The students will spend the first week studying Spanish one-on-one for six hours a day at the Christian Spanish Academy in Antigua. The next two weeks they will travel around the country with **Brother James Krause** as the guide. In addition to learning about the history, culture, and
geography of the country, participants will take a three-credit class, “Latin American Catholics,” taught by Brothers Pat Conway, James Krause and Larry Schatz. More specifically, students will study the dynamics of Latino migration, reflect on Jesus’ attitudes and behaviors with the marginalized, experience Mayan Catholic faith expressions, study the U.S. Catholic Church’s response to the Hispanic Catholic presence, and deepen their appreciation of the one baptism that bonds all sisters and brothers in the faith.

**Lasallian Volunteers attended a discernment retreat**

Looking ahead to their futures, more than fifty Lasallian Volunteers participated in the discernment retreats held in March at three locations: Mt. St. Alphonsus Retreat Center in Esopus, NY, for the DENA District; San Francisco District Novitiate in Napa, CA, for the San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe Districts; and La Salle Retreat Center in Wildwood, MO for the Midwest District. The getaways provided volunteers with tools on how to discern and how discernment is not a one-time activity but a life-long process. "I've always been told that in making important decisions, it is important to take a step back in order to reflect and think things through. The discernment retreat provided the space and the meditative atmosphere to do just that," said Jackie from the Midwest retreat. The retreats stressed the importance of taking time to listen to God.

**Lasallians assembled at the United Nations**

Students and faculty of Lasallian schools and colleges in the United States and Toronto assembled from April 25th to 27th at the United Nations in New York City for the Lasallian Convocation on the Rights of the Child. Participants in this unique teach-in event learned about why and how people can establish a world fit for children. Lasallians joined thousands of other Americans in their call for universal ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Representatives for the Midwest District included the following: six from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, five from Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul, four from De La Salle High School in Minneapolis, three from St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, three from Totino-Grace High School in Fridley, and one from the Midwest District Administration. All reports from the event were positive.

**Bethlehem University dedicated center to Brother Vincent**

As blessing prayers surrounded the building, the official opening and dedication of the Brother Vincent Malham Center took place at Bethlehem University on April 16th. Dedicated for cultural studies, the multi purpose Center will give an opportunity to Bethlehem University students and faculty to research and promote Palestinian culture, music, and poetry. It will also be used as a place to welcome Bethlehem University local
and international guests. In its next phase, the Center will be used to maintain Palestinian oral history.

**Regional Novitiate Board met**

The Region’s Novitiate Board met at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco on March 20\(^{th}\). The Region anticipates having five candidates for the novitiate at Napa, CA, scheduled to begin on August 14, 2010. The five include four from the USAT Region and one from the District of Australia/New Zealand/Papua New Guinea. **Brother Joseph Fernando**, the Institute Secretary for Formation for the English speaking world, is a member of the Board. While he was in the country, he visited Jeremy House and spoke with the Director and the postulants.

**Matthew-Sullivan grants were awarded**

On April 14\(^{th}\), the members of the Matthews-Sullivan Foundation committee met to review thirty-six applications and selected twenty-one of them to receive grants totaling $38,400. Those who received the grants include the following: Strengthening Family Economy in Rural Communities in Bolivia; DLS Betterment Retreat at De La Salle Elementary in Memphis, TN; Drinking Water for Students at Besrate Gabriel School in Ethiopia; Salon de Corte y Costura at Barrio La Florida in Dominican Republic; Summer Camp Program at Dunrovin in Marine on the St. Croix, MN; Summer Day Camp at Casa de los Angeles in Homer Glen, IL; School Supplies at Central American Martyrs Center in Chicago, IL; Emergency Needs Program at St. Gabriel Mercy Center in Mississippi; Green House Construction at St. Paul's School in Marsabit, Kenya; Emancipation of Poor Girls at St. James School in Tamil Nadu, India; Workshop for School Visitors at Bluefields Vicariate in Nicaragua; Young Lasallians Assembly at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN; Art for Understanding at Brother David Darst Center in Chicago, IL; Assistance for Kenyans at Upendo Village in Naivasha; Partner for Peacemakers at Life Directions in Chicago, IL; Assist College Students at St. Toribio Romo in Chicago, IL; Two Celebrations at De La Salle Middle School in St. Louis, MO; Women’s Educational Assistance at De Neuville Center in Memphis, TN; Reading Teacher Training Program at DLS Blackfeet School in MT; Parent Workshops at San Miguel School in Chicago, IL; Science Modules at San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis, MN.

**May 15th is Founder’s Day**

On May 15, 1950 John Baptist de La Salle was declared the patron saint of educators. “Touching hearts” is about acknowledging and relating to people as individuals and helping people feel that they are noticed and matter. A personal approach can make all the difference
to an individual showing that someone “bothered enough” to care.

**Brothers and Partners invited to program in Chicago**

The De La Salle (Manila) University Chorale, under the tutelage of renowned musical director, composer and arranger Professor Rodolfo Delarmente, is a group of young music-loving and talented students. Established in 1987 as the official choir of De La Salle University, the group has carved a niche in their homeland as well as in the international scene. Brothers and Partners and their guests are invited to meet the group at the 11:15 am Alumni Mass at the Cenacle Retreat House & Conference Center on May 23rd. The address is 513 W. Fullerton Parkway in Chicago.

**Praesidium review board will meet**

One of the final steps in the accreditation process with Praesidium Religious Services is calling together a Review Board to consider actions that the District has taken in responding to allegations of abuse by any Brothers. The Board will meet on May 13.

**Directory Changes**

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**Brother William Brynda** - HYPERLINK "mailto:bw.brynda@hotmail.com" bw.brynda@hotmail.com

**Brother Mark Snodgrass** - HYPERLINK "mailto:Principal@DeLaSalleMemphis.org" Principal@DeLaSalleMemphis.org

**Brothers will be honored in Tulsa**

The past and present Christian Brothers who have served at Bishop Kelley H.S. in Tulsa, OK, will be honored on Friday, May 14th, at a special event. A De La Salle mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am, and accommodations and meals will be provided during the stay. Contact: Jean Ann Hankins, Advancement Director, at (918) 609-7115 or by email at HYPERLINK "mailto:jhankins@bkelleyhs.org" jhankins@bkelleyhs.org.

**Brothers were honored at Lewis University**

On May 3rd at the dinner following the meeting of the Board of Trustees the Brothers at Lewis University and the Brothers of the Midwest District were honored for 50 years of
service. Board Chair, James Goodwin, presented an engraved glass award to Brother Philip Johnson, representing the Brothers on campus, and to Brother Frank Carr, representing the Brothers of the District. The engraving reads “Honoring 50 Years of Lasallian Sponsorship of Lewis University.” The award will remain with the La Salle House Community on campus.

**National Nurses Week is this month**

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6th, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12th, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The Midwest District takes this opportunity to thank its four nurses for their services: Cathie Swanson, RN; Maureen Guillou, RN, BSN; Sheila Cusack, RN, BSN; and Pat Bader, FNP, BC.

**Roncalli High School has new administrators**

The Archdiocese of Omaha has appointed two Omaha men to fill leadership posts at Roncalli Catholic High School. Jeffrey Dempsey, a former associate vice president of development for Creighton Prep, will become Roncalli’s President, effective July 1st. Chad Holtz, assistant principal at the school, will step in as Principal. The two men succeed the Fr. Lloyd Gnirk, who has served as President and Principal since 2008. He will continue as President Emeritus and assist the new team. Fr. Gnirk announced in February that Roncalli had met its financial obligations for last year, balanced its budget for the current year and launched the first phase of a fund-raising campaign. The school had raised $1.4 million in pledges, cash and in-kind contributions, putting it a little more than halfway toward a $2.75 million goal.

**Lasallian Education Fund grants were awarded**

Brother Michael Quirk, Chair of the Lasallian Education Fund Committee, reported that eight grants have been awarded for 2010. A total of $86,150 was awarded to eight ministries. They include Fe y Vida, De La Salle Blackfeet School, Montini Catholic High School, De La Salle Institute/Chicago, San Miguel Schools/Chicago, Lasallian Volunteers, Cristo Rey Kansas City, and Saint Mary’s Press.

**Congratulations to**

Brother John Grover who received a Service Award on April 15th at SMUMN marking his 45 years of dedicated service to the university.
Brother Tim Coldwell who was appointed for a second term as Visitor of the New Orleans-Santa Fe District by Brother Alvaro following a tremendous acclamation by the Brothers of the NO-SF District for him to lead them and their Partners.

Brother Neil Keefe who will receive an honorary doctorate degree at the May 16th commencement at Lewis University.

Dr. Gordon Kraus, AFSC, was awarded the Humanitarian Award of 2010 by the Southern Eye Institute in Memphis. The award was given because of the doctor's work with the Holy Spirit Medical Clinic in Haiti and the annual 24 hour Tour d'Esprit fundraiser held at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Health Updates

Brother Joseph Seiler was discharged on April 27th from Good Samaritan Hospital and is recuperating at home from a urinary tract infection.

Brother Joseph Zastrow appreciates prayers and is still in the process of testing. He will meet with his doctor in early May
Please continue to pray for Brother Larry Zeman. His doctor has discovered some new tumors.

Rest in Peace

Donald P. Schumer, 80, brother of Brother Nicholas, died on April 10th at his home in Palatine, IL. Other survivors include another brother Edward, son Raymond, daughter Rita and grandchildren. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 20th at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

Patrick J. O'Neil, 76, late of Homer Glen, IL, suddenly on May 1st. A third generation, licensed funeral director and embalmer for 53 years, he took over the funeral home business in Joliet, IL, from his father. He moved the O'Neil Funeral Home to Lockport, building a new facility in 1973, and in 2009 he proudly renovated the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 5th at St. Dennis Church in Lockport with Fr. Thomas McGivney presiding.

Marie Zullo, 95, mother of Brother James died on May 7th in Orlando, FL. She had been in a nursing home for the past few years. A funeral Mass was celebrated on May 11th at Annunciation Catholic Church in Orlando.

Engaging Aging – Productive Attitudes to Growing Older

The late John F. Kennedy said, “It is not enough to add years to life; one must add new life to years.” As we know, how to do this is a challenge that is not easily met. Since life changes are variable, the manner in which each of us moves through our 60’s, 70’s and
80’s is unique in each person. So first of all, it is important for each of us to take it upon ourselves to do something about our own personal life pattern or prayer, ministry, rest, relationships, diet, exercise and mental attitude, so our senior years do not become the greatest cross of our lives. One thing that remains certain these days is that we live in a rapidly changing world, and yet it remains God’s world despite the atrocities created by humans. Since it is God’s world, it becomes our obligation to serve God in that ever changing world. And one of the ways of serving God is to recognize that we too have changed over the years – that we are no longer the same person we were when we entered religious life. (Brother Cornelius E. Hubbuch, CFX)

Health Notes
May 2010
Sheila Cusack, RN, BSN.

Before I give you some web sites that have been helpful to me in the past, I want to remind you that May is National Stroke Awareness Month. There are uncontrollable risk factors regarding stroke: being over age 55; male; African-American, Hispanic, or Asian/Pacific Islander; from a family with a history of stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA). There are some things you can do to lower your risk of stroke.

Purchase a blood pressure kit at a local pharmacy. Ask your pharmacist or nurse to recommend a type that is user friendly. Take your blood pressure weekly and document the reading. This will be helpful to your doctor for your next appointment.
If you smoke, stop. Avoid second hand smoke for the health of your blood vessels and lungs.
If you are diabetic, maintain continuity in your nutrition and exercise regimen.
Exercise every day. Remember movement is the key to healthy aging of your blood vessels. Decrease your salt and fat intake every day.

The following web sites related to health will hopefully bring you information to maintain a healthy lifestyle every day to prevent disease and promote good health
This site offers 3-4 featured topics twice a month. The site contains tools for healthier lives, healthy recipes, expert answers, videos, health digest, a slide show and various health related topics.
This site is the Center for Disease Control which holds a wealth of information about health topics. I especially like the information about physical activity for everyone.

This site is a good one to peruse various health related topics. I encourage you to discuss any information you find on these or any web sites with your doctor.

Prayer: O God, creator of all, thank you for my life. Teach me to honor this and all the gifts you have given me by caring for them every day.


Vow Formula
Trinity Sunday
30 May 2010

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, prostrate with the most profound respect before your infinite and adorable majesty I consecrate myself entirely to you to procure your glory as far as I shall be able and as you will require of me.

For this purpose I, ..... promise and vow to unite myself and to remain in society, with the Brothers of the Christian Schools who are associated to conduct, together and by association schools for the service of the poor. I promise to go wherever I may be sent and to do whatever I may be assigned by the body of the Society or its superiors.

Wherefore, I promise and vow association for the educational service of the poor.
chastity, poverty, obedience and stability in the Institute according to the Bull of
Approbation and the Rule of the Institute. I promise to keep these vows faithfully all my
life.