

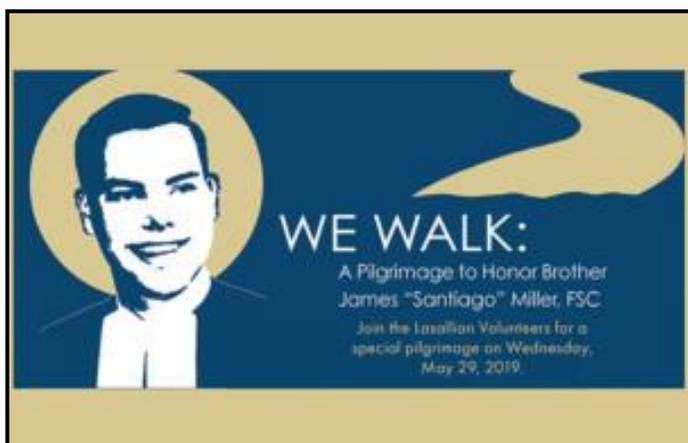
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April 2019

LVs host Brother James Miller pilgrimage



In honor of the anticipated beatification of **Brother James Miller**, the Lasallian Volunteers, in collaboration with the Midwest District, will host a pilgrimage to honor the life and legacy of Brother James, a native of Wisconsin who died as a martyr on February 13, 1982, in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. In November 2018 the Vatican announced that Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing that Brother James died as a martyr, an important step in his cause for beatification. The process to declare him a martyr began in 2009. Brother James was repairing a school wall when he was approached by three men, who shot and killed him. LVs will take part in the pilgrimage May 27 – June 1, 2019 to learn more

deeply about Brother James and his childhood by visiting the high school he attended, his home parish, his family's property and his current burial place. Anyone interested in joining the LVs is welcome to participate in a special one-day pilgrimage on Wednesday, May 29 from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where Brother James was born, to Polonia, Wisconsin, where Brother James is buried. The route is about 7 miles. This event is free to attend. Registration is now open. <https://lasallianvolunteers.org/>

LASSCA 2019 celebrated vocation and mission

The Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA) held its 15th annual conference February 24-27 at the JW Marriott by The Galleria in Houston, TX. School administrators, board members, District and Regional leaders and others gathered to discuss topics related to this year's theme, "One Heart. One Commitment. One Life," which is also the theme of the Year of Lasallian Vocations. The conference included featured speakers, breakout sessions, discussion, Mass and prayer, District dinners, and the presentation of the Brother Michael Collins Award of Excellence to La Salle Catholic College Preparatory in Milwaukie, OR, for its San Miguel Scholars Program, which provides comprehensive financial assistance and academic/college readiness support to economically disadvantaged students. The next LASSCA Conference will take place February 23-26, 2020, also in Houston.

Brother Larry Schatz will be interim President

During the recent board meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, **Father Mark Padrez, OP**, was selected to be the new Executive Director. As the current CMSM President, he cannot hold both positions. Thus, Vice President, **Brother Larry Schatz** will serve as interim President of CMSM from April 1, 2019 when the appointment begins until early August 2019 when CMSM will elect a new President.

Brothers in initial formation gathered for retreat

Fourteen Brothers in initial formation from across the Lasallian Region of North America gathered together at the Ocean Rest retreat facility in Ocean City, NJ, on February 15-18. The theme of the retreat was “Practical Ways of Accompanying Youth as They Journey in Faith,” and it was guided by **Father Frank Berna, OFM**, from La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA. Brothers spent the weekend learning and in prayer through use of the scriptures and Lasallian pedagogy, while also continuing the process of vocation discernment, with time for reflection, group discussion and support from one another.



Lasallian Education highlighted at ACCU annual meeting

Lasallian education had a leading role at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) with the theme “Mission, Myth, and Money: Securing Catholic Higher Education for the Future.” The ACCU welcomed the increased Lasallian presence as part of the celebration of the Tercentenary, the 300th anniversary of Saint John Baptist de La Salle’s entry into eternal life. Led by the mission officers at the six Lasallian colleges and universities in the United States, along with Bethlehem University in Palestine, more than five hundred attendees learned about the Lasallian mission. The ACCU Annual Meeting took place February 2-4 in Washington, DC. Founded in 1899, the ACCU has nearly two hundred members and serves as the collective voice of U.S. Catholic higher education. Bethlehem University, Palestine; Christian Brothers University, Memphis; La Salle University, Philadelphia; Lewis University, Romeoville; Manhattan College, Riverdale; Saint Mary’s College of California, Moraga; and Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota are all members of ACCU.

Brothers may participate in Brother James Miller Pilgrimage

Brothers who wish to participate in the **Brother James Miller** Pilgrimage from May 27-June 1 are welcome to do so. Those who wish to actually participate in the seven mile walk on May 29 need to register. The link is on both the Christian Brothers Conference website and the Midwest District website. The District website has the link in the Brothers James Miller Beatification resource section on the home page. Those seeking to walk and join the pilgrimage are welcome to join the Lasallian Volunteers at their overnight sites. Sleeping bags will be necessary for that option. Depending on the number of Brothers interested, driving the walk will also be a possibility. Local motels are abundant just north of Pacelli High School in Stevens Point and would be the best option for those Brothers wanting to participate but not walk. Various activities are planned from May 28-May 31 in which the Brothers may participate, including prayer services at Pacelli and at St. Martin Cemetery, a visit to the Miller Family farm, and mass at Sacred Heart parish in Polonia. Interested Brothers may contact **Brother Michael Kadow** at 630-247-6205 or mkadow@cbmidwest.org. He will provide more detailed information and answer any questions. The only events open to the general public will be the walk on May 29th and the prayer service to follow at St. Martin Cemetery. All events of the week are open to the Brothers, as long as they make their own arrangements for travel and accommodations.

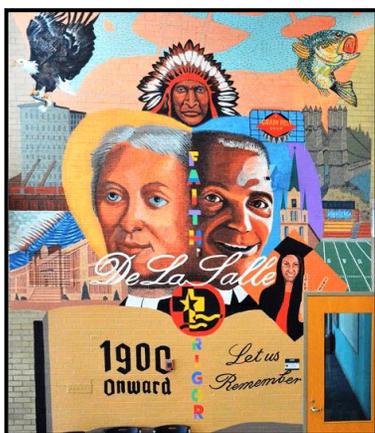
Brothers will nominate members for the District Council

The Brothers of the Midwest District are in the process of selecting members of the District Council for 2019-2023. Nomination ballots were mailed to all the Brothers in mid-March and will be counted on April 2nd. Those Brothers who receive 5% of more of the nominations will be candidates and will have two weeks to decide whether to leave their names in nomination. A second ballot will be sent by Wu Foo on April 25th. The final results are due to be announced on May 9th.

Lasallian Retreat will be in May

Auxiliary Visitor **Brother Bede Baldry** announced that the silent Lasallian Retreat for this year will be on May 5-9 at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer conducted by the Sisters of St. Francis in Frankfort, IL. All the rooms are private with a bathroom. The grounds of St. Francis Woods are available for strolling along the creek and walking the Labyrinth or the Cosmic Walk. Chapels for prayer, books for inspiration, and CDs for meditation are available along with the option to join the Franciscan Sisters for daily mass. The retreat will be held in silence including meals. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings will include an opportunity for Brothers to meet for optional discussions. Massages are available for \$60 and must be scheduled in advance by calling (815) 464-3880. Room per night is \$65; breakfast is \$6.00; lunch is \$10.00; dinner is \$8.00. Brothers may attend for any number of days. Cost for the whole retreat is \$356, and financial aid is available. Registration is due by April 22nd. Contact Brother Bede (773) 332-4729.

Joe Duffy designed mural for DeLaSalle



Joe Duffy, a 1967 graduate of DeLaSalle Minneapolis, is a nationally known creator in the field of graphic design and product branding. Inspired by his friend, **Brother Michael Lee Anderson**, he started an art project to celebrate the school's long history. The floor to ceiling painted mural in the school's lobby was dedicated on February 4th. The mural is filled with historical and current images. Two faces dominate the painting: **St. John Baptist de La Salle** and **Brother Michael Collins**, class of 1955 and school President from 1991 to 2012. Other images include the new and old school buildings, the Hennepin suspension bridge, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Grain Belt sign, an eagle, and a Native American with a feathered headdress. The mural was a collaborative project involving students in visual briefs to create a collage from which the work evolved.

Lewis University will host plane pull

On April 27th Lewis University will host the 2019 Plane Pull to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The Plane Pull features the ultimate tug-of-war competition, as teams of up to ten people battle a Republic Airways Embraer 170, weighing more than 85,000 lbs., that is more than 42 tons! Each team must raise a minimum of \$500 to participate and can have a maximum of 10 pullers. Teams compete to pull the aircraft 12 feet as quickly as possible. They will compete in one of three divisions: Open Division: Ideal for companies, school teams, clubs, friends and families - Public Safety Division: law enforcement, fire fighters, paramedics, EMT, DNR, DOC and military personnel - Lewis University Division, a division created solely for students and staff of Lewis University. The presenting sponsors are Lewis University and Republic Airways. Gold Sponsors include Joliet Regional Port District, Village of Romeoville and Lift Academy (Leadership in Flight Training). Registration is open and individuals and groups can make donations at www.illinoisplanepull.com.

Resurrection Community will host discussions about Brother James Miller

Brothers, Partners, Volunteers and others can learn about Blessed **Brother James Miller** from someone who shared the mission with him. The Resurrection Community at 7268 W. Peterson Avenue in Chicago will offer opportunities to explore Hermano Santiago's adventure from the fields of Wisconsin to the Miskito Coast of Nicaragua and Huehuetenango's Indigenous Center. Using an informal format, the meetings will be hosted by the Resurrection Community and held at the Resurrection Retirement Center. The initial meetings will be limited to six participants. Individuals and groups of less than six can be combined. Accommodations for larger numbers may be made later. Beginning at 3:30 the meetings will start with a prayer and social and end with dinner. There will be no charge. Those interested email the names of attendees and a desired date chosen from any Tuesday in April to **Brother Michael Flaherty** bromike@dlsbs.org.

Saint Mary's College grad received an Oscar

Mahershala Ali, a 1996 graduate of Saint Mary's College of California, received an Oscar Award for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of the late, renowned pianist **Donald Shirley** in the movie, *Green Book*. During the award season he also received a Golden Globe Award and the Best Actor award from the Screen Actors Guild, the British Academy of Film and Television, and the Critic's Choice Award. Last fall a special advance screening of *Green Book* was held at the Rheem Theatre in Moraga to benefit the College's Moonlight Scholarship. A conversation with Ali and the film's director, **Peter Farrelly**, and producer, **Jim Burke**, followed the screening. Besides **Denzel Washington**, Ali is the second African American actor to win two Oscars. In 2017, Ali won the same award for *Moonlight*.

Midwest District participated in the World Congress



The World Congress of Lasallian Education took place March 14-16 at Universidad La Salle in Mexico City. Themed "Lasallian Education for the 21st Century," the international program was aimed at Lasallian educators from all levels and provided a space for presentations and discussions around the future of education and to share reflections and best practices. The discussions and reflections will help inform the development of the Declaration of Lasallian Pedagogy. Participants sent by the Midwest District were **Brother Mike Fehrenbach, Brother Matt Kotek, Sue Skinner, Ann Merchlewitz** and **Dr. Scott Kier**. Others from the Midwest District who attended included **Brother Robert Smith, Brother Larry Humphrey, Dr. David Livingston, Brad Casey, Martha Coughlan** and **Marta Vazquez**.

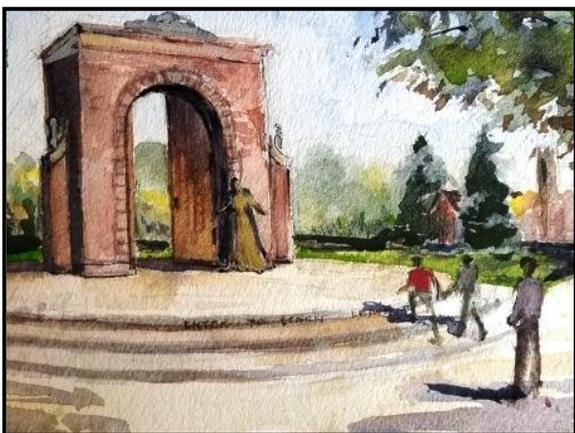
Brother Chris Oddo was featured

The Winter 2018-2019 issue of D Magazine from De La Salle Institute in Chicago featured an article about **Brother Chris Oddo**. He is the Director of Computer Services at the high school, a position that he has now held for thirty years. As part of the recent Computer Science Week, he shared his wealth of knowledge when he addressed several classes about the evolution of technology at the school. He said that he is most proud of his part in helping to develop and implement the 1 to 1 computer program, which involved getting a computer in the hands of all students and faculty members when that was not common. He added that he enjoys the problem solving aspects of computers and creating ways to get work done using a computer. Congratulations, Brother Chris!

Institute released statistics

The Office of Statistics at the Generalate in Rome released the numbers for the Institute as of December 31, 2018. Worldwide there are 3,539 Brothers in 632 communities. Of that number 309 are Brothers in temporary vows, and 38 Brothers made perpetual vows during 2018. There are 57 novices and 424 postulants and aspirants in the Institute. During the year 145 Brothers died.

New monument and statue set for Lewis University



Construction of a new monument and statue of **Saint John Baptist de La Salle** is currently underway as Lewis University takes part in the global 300th anniversary celebration of the death of the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The monument project, which is made possible through the generous support of benefactors **Jay and Lori Bergman**, has been in the planning and development stages for nearly four years. Named “The Encounter,” the monument and sculpture are located near North Hall –positioned for maximum exposure along the sidewalk and easily accessible to all. “The Encounter” re-creates the moment in March 1679 when young John Baptist de La Salle visited the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus in Rheims, France. As he approached the doorway, De La Salle

encountered **Adrian Nyel**, a layman from Rouen who was seeking advice about opening schools for poor boys in the city. This chance encounter led De La Salle to a period of great discernment about his vocation and purpose in life, and it resulted in a partnership with Nyel that later inspired De La Salle to open more schools and found the Brothers of the Christian Schools. “The Encounter” will feature a 16-foot tall re-creation of the entrance to the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and a one of a kind, life-sized statue of De La Salle created by Minneapolis-based sculptor **Alec Smith**, who is known for his work displayed at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. Alec is also the artist who created the sculpture of “The Brother” seated on a bench near the entrance to the Lewis Academic Building. “The Encounter” will be formally dedicated at the conclusion of Lasallian Heritage Month on April 30, the 368th anniversary of the birth of De La Salle. The dedication ceremony will be followed by a reception hosted by the Christian Brothers at La Salle House.

Directory Changes

- **Brother Chris Englert** - Westmont South Community - 224 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559. Cell - (901) 596-3031. cenglert@cbmidwest.org
- **Brother Alfred Marshall** – new residence phone (773) 596-2022 – no cell phone
- **Brother Steven Schonhoff** – home address - 216 Broadway St., Jefferson City, MO, 65109.
- **Brother James Wegesin** – Moved to Room 176 – phone (773) 467-5176

Brother Robert Schieler received honorary degree

Brother Superior General Robert Schieler received an honorary doctorate of educational leadership from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona during a Founder's Day celebration on March 12th. The honorary doctorate recognized Brother Robert's dedication to the Lasallian charism, especially his service to the poor and his commitment to education. With the presentation of this honor, Brother Robert has now received honorary doctorate degrees from all six Lasallian colleges/universities in the United States. In the spring of 2016, Manhattan College in Riverdale and Lewis University in Romeoville bestowed the honor. In autumn 2015, he received doctorates from Christian Brothers University, Memphis, La Salle University, Philadelphia, and Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga.

Help Requested for Mozambique

The La Salle International Foundation has launched an emergency appeal for funds to benefit a Lasallian ministry in Mozambique. On March 14, Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Preliminary assessments in Mozambique indicate that hundreds of lives have been lost, tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of acres have crop damage. In Beira, Mozambique, the cyclone damaged structures at Centro Educacional e Assistencial La Salle (CEALS), which is a pre-postulancy community and educational center for almost 300 hundred financially poor children from six to seventeen years of age. Operating throughout the calendar year, the center provides academic tutoring, homework assistance, counseling, recreational opportunities, and programmed social interactions between students. Cyclone Idai severely damaged the structures in which the staff members at CEALS live and teach. To provide emergency relief to these individuals, La Salle International hopes to raise \$40,000 to repair the buildings and resume the programs. As with all La Salle International Foundation projects, 100 percent of donations go directly to the project. <https://www.lasalleinternational.org/project/lasallian-mozambique-cyclone-idai-emergency-relief/>

Rest in Peace

- **Brother Raphael Phandinh**, 92, (SFNO) died on March 22nd at Holy Family Community, Mont La Salle, Napa, CA. He entered the novitiate in Vietnam in 1946 and professed his final vows in 1953. In 1975, at the Fall of Saigon, Brother Raphael along with thousands of refugees came to the United States. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on March 30th at Mont La Salle with burial following.
- **Joel Gorun**, 77, former **Brother Joel of Mary**, died on March 24th at Unity Point Finley in Dubuque, IA. He entered the novitiate in Glencoe, MO, in 1959 and later taught in the Chicago area at St. Joseph H.S., Montini H.S., and Driscoll Catholic H.S. He departed from the Brothers in 1973. Survivors include his wife Marilyn, one son and one daughter and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Raphael Cathedral in Dubuque on March 30th.