



May 2019

CBU announced new President



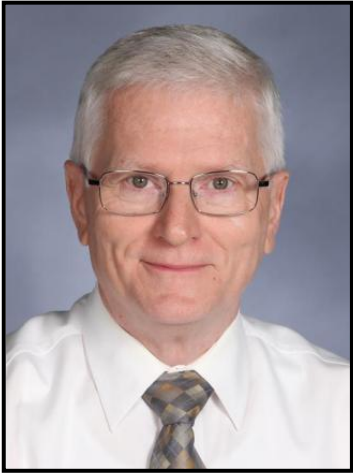
The CBU Board of Trustees announced that **Jack Shannon** has been selected as the 23rd President of Christian Brothers University. He is a distinguished higher education leader with many years of experience directing not only academic and student-centered initiatives but also public/private partnerships focused on economic development in some of the most economically-challenged communities in the country. Jack comes to CBU from Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey, where he led the Office of Strategic Alliances, Economic Development, and Civic Partnerships and previously served as the university's vice president for advancement. Prior to his arrival at Montclair State, he served as the inaugural president and CEO of East Baltimore Development Inc., a groundbreaking initiative that successfully undertook the largest urban redevelopment initiative in Baltimore's history through

the integrated delivery of education, health, and human services programs; the construction of new mixed-income housing; the development of a leading-edge life sciences center; and the launch of a new K-8 community school. Jack holds a BA degree in English from La Salle University in Philadelphia where he currently serves on the executive committee of its board of trustees. He also holds a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University and a JD degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He will assume leadership of CBU on July 1st. Congratulations, Jack!

Brother Paul McAuley found dead in Peru

Peruvian authorities are investigating the death of British Christian **Brother Paul McAuley**, 71, whose burned body was found on April 2nd at the La Salle Intercultural Student Community in the city of Iquitos, a home he founded for indigenous students in the northeastern Amazonian region. Born in Portsmouth, England, he had lived in Peru for more than 20 years, working with indigenous people and campaigning on environmental issues. In 1995 he moved to Peru where he founded a school for low-income students in a shanty town on the north side of Lima, the capital. Later he moved to Iquitos. He was outspoken about oil pollution and the deforestation of the Amazon. He came to international attention in 2010 when the Peruvian government ordered his expulsion. He was accused of inciting unrest among the people for protesting against environmental destruction. At the time, local media labelled him as a "Tarzan activist," "white terrorist" and "incendiary gringo priest." Hundreds of people demonstrated in his support, and he eventually won the right to stay after a lengthy court battle. Peru's Episcopal Conference paid tribute to Brother Paul and called on the authorities to thoroughly investigate the crime.

David Hotek will be affiliated to the Institute



David Hotek, Lasallian Animator at St. Joseph H.S. in Westchester, IL, will be affiliated to the Institute on May 1 during an all school ceremony at the school. He will receive Letters of Affiliation from **Brother Robert Schieler**, Superior General, presented by **Brother Larry Schatz**. The honor acknowledges David's association with the Institute of the Brothers for over 50 years. That service includes 36 years at St. Joseph H.S. as teacher, assistant principal, principal, campus minister and currently the Lasallian Animator. President **Brother Thomas Harding** praised him as someone who has consistently lived out Lasallian spirituality in his life, and who has helped others to understand it. During the years that David was a Christian Brother, he taught at Montini Catholic High School, St. Joseph High School, St. Patrick High School and Lewis University. David also served for 18 years on the Board of Directors of LaSalle Manor Retreat Center and was the District Lasallian Family Coordinator for five years. He is presently a member of the steering committee of Lasallian Companions, a group that provides opportunities for retired Lasallians to be of service to the Midwest District and to local ministries. This might include mentoring young teachers, being a spiritual companion to a teacher or administrator, responding online to individuals participating in the online formation program, or other forms of service. Congratulations, David!

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. Contact Brother Bede (773) 332-4729.

Congratulations to Brother Pierre St. Raymond

Brother Pierre St. Raymond, chemistry professor at Lewis University, was featured on April 8th in an article of *The Herald News* in Joliet. He is teaching a class on forensic science, an outgrowth of analytical chemistry. In class he made reference to the recent death of a 23-year-old dispatcher from Channahon, IL. After a ten month investigation her death was ruled a suicide, but the forensic evidence did not support that explanation. Brother Pierre explained how gun powder residue can help to determine the distance from which a firearm was shot. Knowing the kind of weapon used is vital, because the spread and density of the residue pattern vary widely among different weapons and ammunition. Brother Pierre's course on forensic science includes the study of ballistics.

Brother James Miller will be beatified

Postulator General, **Brother Rodolfo Meoli**, reported that the Beatification liturgy for **Brother James Miller** is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

Robert Schwendau will be affiliated to the Institute



On May 15 **Robert Schwendau** will be affiliated to the Institute during a private ceremony at the Benilde/De La Salle Community in Chicago. **Brother Larry Schatz** will present the Letters of Affiliation on behalf of **Brother Robert Schieler**, Superior General. Bob's association with the Christian Brothers dates back to 1951 when he left St. George H.S. as a sophomore to join the Glencoe juniorate and then the novitiate, and the scholasticate at Saint Mary's College where he graduated in 1958. During his years as a Brother, he taught and counseled students at various schools sponsored by the Brothers in the legacy Saint Louis District and served as secretary to the Visitor, Brother Thomas Matthews, until the latter's death in 1969. After leaving the Institute Bob worked at Saint Xavier University, Chicago, in the offices of Admissions, and Records and Registration. For thirteen years he was a student counselor at Archbishop Quigley Prep

Seminary in Chicago. At the invitation of a few Brothers, Bob became a resident Partner in the De La Salle community of Chicago in the spring of 2003, continuing in part-time employment as an academic advisor at Saint Xavier University. He has also been a Board member of the Old St. Mary's Elementary School and a weekly volunteer at the Art Institute of Chicago. He is in his sixteenth year as a member of the Benilde/De La Salle community in Chicago. Congratulations, Bob!

SFNO celebrated anniversary in California

The District of San Francisco New Orleans (SFNO) celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Brothers' arrival in San Francisco on March 16th in San Francisco. The celebration had the theme, "Procuring God's Glory from Generation to Generation," and was organized to recognize the achievements of the Brothers and to celebrate with local Lasallians. The event included a mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption and was concelebrated by San Francisco **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** and **Bishop Thomas Daly** of the Diocese of Spokane. It was followed by a public reception at the cathedral.

Glencoe homecoming is in June

The Glencoe Homecoming is June 21-23 and is hosted by La Salle Retreat Center beginning on Friday afternoon and ending late morning on Sunday. The Overnight Package is \$215 per person (or \$200 if paid in full by April 30) and includes a room for two nights, five meals and two socials. The program ONLY is \$140 per person (or \$125 if paid in full by April 30) and includes five meals, two socials and the Homecoming events. Alternative lodging is available at Drury Inn at 5 Lambert Drury Place, St. Louis, 63088, (800-325-0720). More information is available from **Michelle Cook** at the retreat center - 636-938-5374, ext. 302 or mcook@lasalleretreat.org . Registration is available on the website - <http://bit.ly/homecoming2019> .

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother Alfred Marshall** will celebrate his 93rd birthday on May 10th. St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California, Room 175, Chicago, IL 60618. Cell: (708) 417-8181.

Brother Joseph Martin will retire in June

At the end of June **Brother Joseph Martin** will retire from the Midwest District office after completing 18 years of service. He will complete his time as Executive Assistant to the Visitor on June 30th, the same day that **Brother Larry Schatz** finishes his second term as Visitor. Over the years Brother Joseph has provided services to the Brothers and has been the editor of the District *News Notes*. He planned the funerals of Brothers in the Chicago area, assisted the staff to update the Brothers' personnel files, and attended to the Visitor's mail when he was out of town. He was the District contact with Praesidium and coordinated the meetings, reviews, online courses and visits that were involved. During those years he also served in the President's Office at Lewis University, retiring as Special Assistant to the President in June 2017 after 15 years. Brother Joseph has agreed to continue as a volunteer to gather and ship items to the District Archives, especially memorabilia from Brothers who have died. He will continue researching his family history and publishing articles about his discoveries, and he will plan some travel, read more books and spend more time in movie theaters.

Brother William Hall is set to open



Brother William Hall at SMUMN is set to open for the fall 2019 semester. Named after past **President Brother William Mann**, the residence will house 112 students in double rooms, co-ed single sex by floor. It was built with first year students in mind and will be substance free. All rooms will have built in desks and wardrobes, and each floor will have a coinless laundry room. The hall will include a main lounge, a vending area, study areas, community kitchen, chapel and cardio room. The residence will be locked 24/7 for the safety of students.

Conversations with Visitors continue



The Midwest District Development Office recently hosted a series of "Conversations with the Visitors." The gatherings provide an opportunity for close alumni and friends to deepen their knowledge of the Christian Brothers and the Lasallian Mission by engaging in dialogue with **Brother Larry Schatz**, Visitor, **Brother Michael Fehrenbach**, Visitor Designate, ministry leaders, and peers. The first events were held in Bonita Springs, FL on February 28th,

Phoenix, AZ on March 12th & 15th, and Memphis, TN on April 25th. More than 50 Lasallians have participated in these conversations to date. The next "Conversation" is planned for Friday, May 24th and will be held in Burr Ridge, IL at the Dr. Jon and Betty Kabara Provincialate Center. Future dates and locations are being planned.

Directory Change

- **Brother Andrew Jacobson** – cell phone – (651) 443-9688
- **Brother Ray Bonderer** – room phone – (773) 596-2025

Brothers are invited to St. George and St. Mel Banquets

The Brothers of the Midwest District are invited to attend the St. George and St. Mel Alumni Banquets as guests of the alumni. This year the St. George Banquet will be held on Monday, May 6th at the White Eagle Events & Convention Center in Niles, IL. The St. Mel Banquet will be held on Friday, June 7th at Maggiano's in Schaumburg, IL. Those interested in attending may contact **Joanna Wagner** at (630) 323-3725, ext. 220, for more information and to RSVP.

Brothers may participate in Brother James Miller Pilgrimage in Wisconsin

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 29th 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 Brother 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. Driving the walk with a group of brothers 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. Brothers may contact **Brother Bede Baldry at 773-332-4729 or bbaldry@cbmidwest.org**. Brother Bede is coordinating travel and overnight arrangements for any Brothers wishing to participate. Please contact him by May 15th. The only events open to the general public all take place on May 29: the walk itself, a prayer service to follow at St. Martin Cemetery, a Eucharistic Procession from the cemetery to Sacred Heart parish in Polonia (about one mile) and a concluding luncheon. All events of the week are open to the Brothers, as long as they contact Brother Bede concerning travel and overnight arrangements.

Brother Roch Dufresne was featured



Brother Roch Dufresne (SFNO) was featured in *Angelus News*, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He directs the 15-minute morning TV broadcasts his students produce three times a week at Cathedral High School after morning prayer. That comes to about one hundred shows per year, and they are all live. He became a Brother at 18 and later moved to Cathedral in 1995, starting the broadcasting program four years later. Then he was called to the headquarters of the Institute of the Brothers in Rome as communication director and webmaster. Brother Roch returned to the school in 2007 and teaches three levels of broadcasting to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Second-year students at Cathedral get the basics, while third and fourth year learn mostly by hands-on work in the studio. This live broadcasting with anchors and correspondents for sports and other fields is no amateur thrown-together production. Every morning students get graded on the individual job they've done as well as for the overall production of the show. Congratulations, Brother Roch!

Rest in Peace

- **Albert C. Geimer**, 81, brother of **Brother Richard**, died on March 31st in Skokie, IL. Other survivors include his wife Veronica, daughters Anna Marie and Bridget Anne and son Albert Jr., among others. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Peter's Church in Skokie on April 2nd with interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL.
- **Dr. Michael Cunningham**, 72, former scholastic **Brother Philip Steven**, died on March 28th. He entered the novitiate at Glencoe in 1965 and studied at the scholasticate at Lewis College from 1966 to 1968. He later taught at Lewis for 45 years and retired in 2016 as Professor *Emeritus*. Survivors include his wife Linda, sons John and Mark, and five siblings among others. A Celebration of Life service was held on April 3rd at Modell Funeral Home in Darien, IL.
- **Patrick William Baisley**, 79, former **Brother Patrick Brian**, died on April 5th in Coon Rapids, MN. He entered the novitiate in 1958 at Glencoe and completed the scholasticate at Saint Mary's College. He served at Saint Mary's Press in Winona, MN, from 1965 until his dispensation in 1969. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 26th at the Church of the Epiphany with interment in the church cemetery.
- In Sri Lanka **Brother Christy Croos**, Visitor, reported that the Brothers lost students, parents of students, and the uncle of one Brother in the bombings on Easter Sunday across the country. Many others were injured.

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**7TH CONGRESS
OF THE WORLD
UNION OF
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STUDENTS (UMAEL)**



NOVEMBER 21-23, 2019

**Radisson Blu Minneapolis Downtown
35 South Seventh Street
Minneapolis, MN**

Alumni of Lasallian ministries worldwide are invited to this UMAEL gathering, themed "Beyond the Borders: One Heart. One Commitment. One Life." This international congress is being held in the United States for the first time and marks the 25th anniversary of UMAEL.

This gathering is sponsored by UMAEL with support from Christian Brothers Conference. Registration information to follow soon.

