

N News Notes



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June/July 2019

District Days and Jubilee to be held at Lewis University

This year's District Days and Jubilee will once again be held at Lewis University from July 18th – 20th. Each Brother should have received the online form to register and a draft schedule for District Days. Brothers who plan on attending are asked to register by July 1st. For those wishing to arrive on Thursday, July 18th, pick up of room keys, etc. will take place from 2-5 pm at **John Paul II Hall**. All meals (except for the jubilee reception) will take place at the **Brother James Gaffney Student Center**. There will be a meal served from 5:30-6:30 that evening. The official activities begin at **De La Salle Hall** (former CB Center), room 250, on Friday morning, July 19th at 9 am. Events of the weekend will include an update of the District Congress Directional Statements, commemoration of the beatification of Brothers James Miller, recognition of the Visitor Teams of the past eight years and celebration of the 300th anniversary of the passing of the Founder to eternal life and the Year of Lasallian Vocation. Several Brothers will make presentations during mini-sessions after lunch on Saturday. The liturgy celebrating our jubilarians and the installation of our new Visitor Team occurs at 4 pm, at Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall. 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.



Resurrection
COLLEGE PREP HIGH SCHOOL
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Midwest District to Sponsor Resurrection College Prep H.S.

On May 15th, **Dr. Scott Kier**, Superintendent of Lasallian Education, and **Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R.**, President of Resurrection College Prep H.S., announced that beginning August 2019, the Christian Brothers of the Midwest will manage the operations of Resurrection College Prep High School in Chicago, IL and shortly thereafter will assume the sponsorship of the school. Resurrection College Prep High School is the largest Catholic college preparatory high school for young women on the northwest side of Chicago. Established by the Sisters of the Resurrection in 1922, Resurrection has a long history of encouraging young women to discover their true potential and prepare them for success in college, career, and life.

Brother James Miller Beatification Details Released

In preparation for the Beatification of Brother James Miller, Brother Larry Schatz has shared a letter detailing the logistics and accommodations for those interested in attending the ceremony in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on December 7th. More information will be forthcoming. Questions may be directed to **Sherri Kavanagh**, at skavanagh@cbmidwest.org. To read the full letter go to: <http://www.cbmidwest.org/New/2019/05/22/brother-james-miller-beatification-details/>

District Council Election Results

On May 9, 2019, the ballots for the District Council election were tallied. The Brothers who received the highest number of ballots, and are therefore elected to the Council are **Brothers Thomas Johnson, Joseph Saurbier, James Gaffney, Michael O’Hern, Armand Alcazar, and Francis Carr**. The Brothers who received the next highest totals are then elected as alternates. They are **Brothers David Galinski and Robert Smith**. Additionally, Brother Michael Fehrenbach has also appointed **Brothers Dale Mooney and Dylan Perry** to four-year terms on the District Council. ***Congratulations to all!***

Lasallian Volunteers host Pilgrimage to Honor Brothers James Miller

On May 29th, in honor of the anticipated beatification of Brother James Miller, FSC, Lasallian Volunteers (LV), in collaboration with the Midwest District, hosted 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. The walk began at Pacelli High School in Stevens Point, WI, and continued to St. Martin Cemetery in Ellis, WI. Pilgrims were invited to attend a prayer service at the gravesite of Brother James followed by a Eucharistic procession from the cemetery to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Polonia. Those who took part in the Pilgrimage from the District Office included **Brothers Larry Schatz, Bede Baldry, Michael Kadow, and Stephen Markham**, as well as **Abby Michels**, Young Lasallian Coordinator.



Papal Audience Celebrates 300th Anniversary

On May 16, 2019, Pope Francis welcomed Lasallians to an audience where he called De La Salle “a pioneer in the field of education, who created an innovative education system for his time” and said De La Salle’s legacy is “still remarkable today for its vision of the school, the concept of the teacher, and innovative teaching methods.” The audience occurred as part of the Lasallian Jubilee Year. Brother Superior General Robert Schieler thanked Pope Francis for declaring the jubilee year and for joining in the celebration. He said that the pope’s witness “inspires all of us to create a culture of encounter and to bring the Good News to those who are different, despised and ignored.”

Mike Sawicki Resigns as President of LaSalle Retreat Center

After eleven years of dedicated service, Mike Sawicki has resigned as President of LaSalle Retreat Center, effective May 15, 2019. Mike has played a key role in the transformation of LaSalle, spearheading many improvements to enhance the comfort and experience of visitors and guests. The improvements have included needed infrastructure updating and safety issues with the aging buildings. During this transitional time, **Michelle Cook** has agreed to be the interim President. Michelle has been on staff since April 2017.

Brother Larry Schatz appointed Community Directors

Brother Larry Schatz has appointed **Brother Thomas Hetland** to a second three-year term as Director of the Benilde/De La Salle Community in Chicago, IL and **Brother Dale Mooney** to a second three-year term as Director of the Holy Family Mission Community in Browning, MT. Both will serve from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. ***Congratulations, Brothers!***



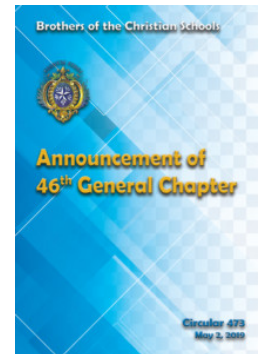
Religious Brothers Symposium to be held in 2020

A Religious Brothers Symposium will be held on April 4, 2020, at Boston College. This national day-long celebration of Brothers will include a liturgy, speakers, breakout sessions, and more. The keynote speaker will be Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, director of the Vatican Observatory and president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation. A native of Detroit, Br. Consolmagno graduated from U of D Jesuit High School, and earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, and a Ph.D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1989, and has worked at the Vatican Observatory since 1993.

To learn more, visit <http://religiousbrothers.org/events/symposium/>

Circular 473 Looks Ahead to 46th General Chapter

Circular 473, released by the Superior General and General Council, looks ahead to the 46th General Chapter, which will take place May 2-29, 2021. The circular describes the preparation process, including listing the meetings, events and documents that will precede the General Chapter, and encourages Brothers to prepare mentally and spiritually to take part in the process. Copies will soon be available.



Special help for Catholic Charities USA Requested in Laredo, Texas

Sr. Donna Markham, president/CEO of Catholic Charities USA recently contacted CMSM with this request: Of the 18 Catholic Charities agencies working with migrants on the border, Laredo is in the greatest need right now. They are in desperate need of **food** (canned chicken noodle soup, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, corn tortillas, water); **clothing** - children, and adult men and women (XS – L; no XL); **shoes** - all sizes except very large; belts and shoelaces; and all sizes of **diapers**.

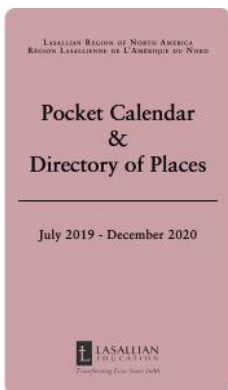
Donations of goods from Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc. can be sent to:

Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo

La Frontera Shelter

1616 Callaghan St.

Laredo, TX 78040.



2019-2020 Lasallian Pocket Calendar Now Available

The 2019-2020 edition of the Lasallian pocket calendar marks Lasallian feasts, Catholic liturgical days and legal holidays in the United States and Canada. Each month features a quote in English and French from the Lasallian reflections for the liturgical year themes of "Lasallians: Hearts on Fire" and "Great Things Are Possible," along with quotes from Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The directory lists contact information for each Lasallian ministry and community in the Lasallian Region of North America, the Lwanga District in Africa, and other must-have addresses. To place an order go to: <https://lasallianstore.com/pocket-calendar-july-2019-december-2020>

Directory Change

- **Brother Ray Bonderer** – cell phone – (406) 229-0246
- **Brother Michael Fehrenbach** – cell phone – (312) 539-2085

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother Richard Roller** – 17 June 1935 – Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Ave., Room 156, Chicago, IL 60631. (773) 775-2467
- **Brother Thomas Geraghty** – 24 June 1940 – Catholic Eldercare, 817 Main St. NE, Room 120, Minneapolis, MN 55413. (612) 379-1370
- **Brother Milton Barker** -27 July 1948 – River Village East, 2919 Randolph St. NE, Apt. 408, Minneapolis, MN 55418. (763) 227-4618.
- **Brother Edwin Dupré** – 6 July 1931 - Presence Resurrection Life Center, 7370 W. Talcott Avenue, Room 266, Chicago, IL 60631. (773) 441-0305
- **Brother Kevin Brutcher** – 11 July 1940 - Catholic Eldercare, 817 Main Street NE, Room 222, Minneapolis MN 55413. (612) 362-2010
- **Brother Robert Thomas** – 18 July 1942 - Cerenity Senior Care, 514 Humboldt Avenue # 303, Saint Paul, MN 55107. (651) 259-1732
- **Brother Fred Oberreider** – 24 July 1931 - St. Pauls House, 3800 N. California Ave., #176, Chicago, IL 60618. (773) 478-4222 - Room 176

Rest in Peace

- **John Patrick "Pat" Casey**, 87, died on April 26, 2019, in St. Paul, MN. As a teenager, he joined the Christian Brothers in Glencoe. Trained in education, Pat taught and served in numerous schools in the Twin Cities, Chicago, and Indiana. He left the Christian Brothers as a young man and married Terry Birder. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 6th at Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel in St. Paul, MN.
- **Former Brother Carl Koch**, 73, of La Crosse, WI passed away on May 30, 2019 at Mayo hospital after years of treatment for prostate cancer. Carl was a speaker, retreat leader, writer, spiritual director, and consultant on servant leadership development. He retired in 2011 after six years as Director of Ring Lake Ranch, an ecumenical retreat center in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. For 38 years, Carl was a high school and then university teacher and administrator, having taught all levels from eighth graders to doctoral students. He served as a senior editor and writer at Saint Mary's Press for 16 years. He has authored 37 books and many journal articles. Among his SMP books are: *A Popular History of the Catholic Church*, *Creating a Christian Lifestyle*, *Garden of a Thousand Gates: Pathways to Prayer*, and *Praying with John Baptist de La Salle*. Carl is survived by his wife, Joyce. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, June 21, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Roncalli Newman Center, 1732 State St., La Crosse, with visitation being held from 10 a.m. until the time of service.
- **Timothy Jordan**, 56, brother of **Mr. Michael Jordan, AFSC**, died on May 11, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 18th at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Star at Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis, MO.
- **Dr. Vincent Gerard O'Neill**, 88, longtime Professor of Literature and Languages at **Christian Brothers University**, died on April 17, 2019, at Methodist Hospital in Germantown, TN. For 69 years, Dr. O'Neill taught in Christian Brothers' schools, beginning at De La Salle Juniorate in Aurora. A Funeral Mass was held on April 27th St. Anne Catholic Church in Memphis, TN.

- **Rt. Rev. Raphael (Eugene) Walsh, O.S.B.**, 92, brother of the late **Brother J. Francis Walsh**, died on April 25, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 29th at Saint James Church in Omaha, NE.
- **John "Jack" L. Whaley**, 96, brother of the late **Brother Edmund Whaley**, died on May 19, 2019. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 24th at Lumen Christi Catholic Church in St. Paul, MN.