

N News Notes



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September 2019

2019-2020 Lasallian Theme Announced: “Great Things are Possible”



Lasallians are invited to explore and celebrate the theme in their ministries and communities. [Lasallian Reflection 5](#) accompanies the theme and encourages Lasallians to respond to the challenges facing the world today.

“Great Things are Possible” is the sixth in a series of seven annual themes that the Brother Superior and General Council developed following the 45th General Chapter. Each one supports the overall theme of “Living Together Our Joyful Mission.” They offer perspectives to help Lasallians gain insights and develop integrated responses to extend and deepen the relevance of the Lasallian mission.

2019 International Lasallian Days for Peace Runs Through October 21, 2019

The 2019 International Lasallian Days for Peace (ILDLP) began on September 21st and will run through October 21st. The theme for this 13th annual event is “Peace is ALWAYS Possible,” which aligns with the upcoming theme of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, “Great Things are Possible.” ILDP is an initiative of the International Council of Young Lasallians (ICYL).

As part of this initiative, a poster designed by David Espinosa Soto (right) from the District of Antilles-Mexico South is now available to help celebrate peace. Lasallians are invited to develop creative projects within their ministries and groups to celebrate ILDP. Send photos and a description of your projects to icyl@lasalle.org. If your ministry shares pictures on social media, be sure to tag Young Lasallians and use the hashtags #ILDLP2019 and #PeaceIsAlwaysPossible



Brothers Invited to St. Pauls House Memorial Service

St. Pauls House in Chicago, IL, will be hosting a memorial service to remember residents who have passed away in the last few months. Among the residents being remembered will be Brother Leonard Stoffel. The service will take place on Tuesday, October 1 at 2pm in the Chapel with a light reception to follow. Those who are interested in attending the service are asked to RSVP to **Rev. Jenna Pulkowski** by phone at (773) 596-5150, or by email at jenna.pulkowski@lulife.org.

Ocean Tides Welcomes Brother Ryan Anderson



In the September Ocean Tides Newsletter, Brother Ryan Anderson was formally welcomed as the Coordinator of Transition and Aftercare Services. Brother Ryan was most recently on the faculty at De La Salle High School in Minneapolis and worked in campus ministry at Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

As Coordinator of Transition and Aftercare Services, Brother Ryan will work with young men and families during their time in residence, including checking on them from time to time during home passes, providing parent education programs and parent supports in conjunction with Ocean Tides Residential Social Workers, and assisting in preparing young men and families for reunification.

KabarA Challenge Hits All-Time High

This year's KabarA Challenge hit an all-time high with a record number of donors and total amount donated. This time last year we celebrated a \$1 million gift from Mrs. Betty Kabara that endowed her gift to the KabarA Challenge. This year our alumni and friends took that gift to heart and met it with an overpowering of support. This year's challenge ended on August 31st with a grand total of over \$160,000 in support of our Senior Brothers.

Thank you to all who participated in this year's challenge!

America Media Highlights Lasallian Education

In a recent online story post by America Media, Manhattan College alumnus and Boston College University Professor Emeritus, Paul Mariani, recounts his experiences as a student of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

"How St. John Baptist de La Salle brought education to millions of poor kids like me" is a personal reflection on the significance of the Lasallian mission's vision of making formal education accessible to all.

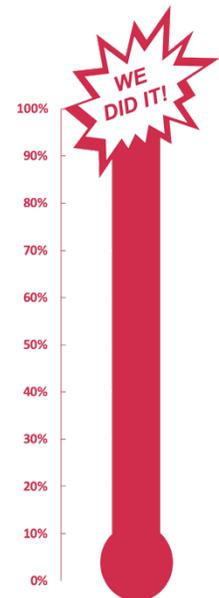
To read the full story go to <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2019/09/13/how-st-john-baptist-de-la-salle-brought-education-millions-poor-kids-me>

Lasallian Volunteers Begin 30th Service Year



Lasallian Volunteers kicked off its 30th service year with the Brother Charles Kitson Institute for Formation of Lasallian Volunteers. The gathering took place at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, July 19-27 with 20 first-year and 15 returning LVs. They attended daily presentations and workshops, which were both practical and reflective. This year's LVs are serving at 18 ministries as teachers, tutors, mentors, social workers and more.

The official 2019-2020 kickoff event was held after the commissioning ceremony. It is the first in a series of events marking the anniversary year. Since the LV program began 30 years ago, more than 750 young men and women have volunteered in this program of faith, service and community.



Institute Launches New Website

On the occasion of the tricentenary of the death of the Founder, John Baptist de La Salle (1719-2019), the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is renewing the look of the institutional site with a more modern design, more rapid and simple to navigate. The web page, also in four languages (English, French, Spanish and Italian), in addition to a new design, will also have a different way of presenting the information and communication of the Institute, with the intention of always giving more space to the educational mission of the Regions and Districts of the whole world. The official inauguration of the new site, www.lasalle.org, will be September 26.

Happy Birthday Brother!

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

- **Brother John Wozniak** celebrated his 75th birthday on September 18th. Lasata Senior Living Campus, Room 143B, W76N677 Wauwatosa Rd., Cedarburg, WI 53012. Residence: (262) 307-5060. Cell: (563) 580-4832.

Directory Change

- **Benilde-De La Salle Community (Michigan Ave*)** – has discontinued its landline
- **Brother Ryan Anderson** – New email – rdande05@smumn.edu
- **Brother Daniel Susek** – Email no longer in use, please contact at (773) 625-0021
- **Brother Michael French** – New phone number – (773) 708-8873
- **Bob Schwendau** – New phone number – (312) 852-8672

Nurse's Corner

From CBS Sunday: The Latest in Hearing Aids

Two out of three people over age 70 have trouble hearing, but only about 20% of adults who have hearing loss actually use a hearing aid, for the most part because of costs related to the devices themselves and to testing and consultations with a doctor or audiologist. David Pogue checks out the latest advances in hearing aid technology that have reduced size and added unique features, and finds out what changes consumers can anticipate after Congress passed a bill allowing hearing aids to be sold over-the-counter.

To see the full CBS special: https://youtu.be/LzM-S_xcsCO

Rest in Peace

Alan Joseph Coldwell, 88, father of General Councilor, Brother Tim Coldwell, died on September 4, 2019, in Denver, CO. A Funeral Mass was held at Risen Christ Catholic Church on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Alan had a lifelong interest in supporting the American Indian—in lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to De La Salle Blackfeet School, 104 First St NW, Browning, MT 59417.

Helen Transgrud, 89, sister of Brother Bede Baldry, died on September 10, 2019. Funeral Services were held on September 16, 2019. Condolences may be sent to: Brother Bede Baldry, 700 Terrace Heights #24, Winona, MN 55987.