

LASALLIANS WEST • MARCH 2006

A monthly newsletter

De La Salle Christian Brothers • District of San Francisco

THROUGH LENT TO EASTER: Brother Stanislaus Campbell, FSC, Visitor of the District of San Francisco, reflects on the season: *“As we make our way through Lent toward the annual celebration of Jesus’ life-giving death in which our communion with him and with one another has its origin, we might focus particularly on our living in communion, in association for the service of the poor through education. In a global society marked by war, violence, division, litigation, and individualism, people committed to living and working together in communion or association for the human and Christian education of the young are certainly not only a counter-cultural force but a necessary witness to the young of how their lives must be lived if peace and genuine happiness are to be theirs.”* But how, he asks, do we maintain this communion and nourish this association among us? To read his answers, visit the District Web site at www.delasalle.org. Under the NEWS banner, click on the headline “The Paschal Mystery: Lent and Easter 2006.”

EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT OF SAN FRANCISCO

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY THIS SUMMER: The District Assembly on Mission opens on July 30 at Saint Mary’s College of California: Delegates are now able to register online for their choice of one of four orientation meetings that will help them to prepare for the Assembly. Delegates should go to the District Web site at www.delasalle.org and under the NEWS banner click on the headline “Assembly on Mission 2006 Orientations”

DISTRICT CHAPTER: Preparations are also getting underway for the District Chapter, the policy-shaping body of Brothers that meets every four years. Its first session will be at Mont La Salle from October 18 to 22. The Preparatory Committee consists of Brothers Thomas Jones, Ronald Roggenback, George Van Grieken, Kevin Slate, and Charles Hilken.

DISTRICT CONVOCATION: On March 3 and 4 the Christian Brothers of our District gathered for their annual Convocation at Mont La Salle in Napa. During the Convocation several Brothers celebrated jubilees: Brother Robert Smith (75 years); Brothers John O’Neill, Timothy Ford, Raphael Phandinh (60 years); Brothers Clifford Biller, Joseph Fabiano, and Jerome Gallegos (50 years); Brothers Jack Henderson, James Joost, Jesus Lara, and Kevin Slate (25 years.) All these honorees were in attendance except Brother Robert Smith, who, aged 92, works in Maryland at St. John’s College. Proceedings of the Convocation will be published in a forthcoming issue of E-HORIZONS. (E-HORIZONS, a twice-yearly publication, can be found on the District Web site at www.delasalle.org, click on Resources & Links.)

VOCATIONS INNOVATIONS: Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, will take on a new role as Director of Vocation Ministry for the District beginning July 1. Brothers James Joost and Kevin Slate will be wrapping up their service in vocation ministry this semester, and will be visiting the schools to meet with the school vocation coordinators and with interested young men. There is also a new position being developed in the Office of Education at De La Salle Institute that will coordinate student programs, including vocation programs.

NEWS BRIEFS from schools around the DISTRICT OF SAN FRANCISCO

BERKELEY - Saint Mary's College High School student Jose Taylor is recognized as one of the Bay Area's "Students Rising Above," a program sponsored by KRON television to honor and support students who are overcoming tremendous difficulties in order to secure their secondary educations and go on to college. An interview with Jose will air on KRON-TV on their news shows on April 18, 19, 20, and 22. For more details, check www.kron.com and www.studentsrisingabove.org. Since this program began in 1998, two other Saint Mary's College High School students and two De La Salle High School (Concord) students have also been recognized by the program.

YAKIMA - The Lady Lightning of La Salle High School soared past Curlew High to claim the Washington State Class B Girls Basketball State Championship on March 4. For the story and photos, see www.kndo.com and the La Salle High Web site at www.lasalleyakima.com.

SACRAMENTO - KBFT Studios at Christian Brothers High School has been named the number one news broadcast in the nation by the Student Television Network. More than 300 high schools competed for this award. The "Falcon TV" team and several individual students were honored at the national convention in February. For the full story visit www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

SAN FRANCISCO - The intensive and varied program of service, outreach, and Christian formation at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep is highlighted in the March issue of the school's newsletter SHCP CONNECTION. In "Campus Ministry Update" you can read about retreats, prayer services, tutoring aid to local kids, service immersions in Tijuana and Montana, and fundraising for Lasallian works in Kenya, Sri Lanka, and India. Visit the school's web site at www.shcp.edu and click on "Development" to find SHCP CONNECTION.

MORAGA - Saint Mary's College is where it's all happening: A forum, founded by a student, debates the ethics of genetic engineering; students go to New Orleans to help to "clean up and green up" the ravaged city; an alumna comes home from Torino with an Olympic bobsledding medal; and an alumnus takes his vows as a Trappist monk – all this and much more is at www.stmarys-ca.edu. Look under NEWS and under SPOTLIGHT. And check out the beautiful new Spring issue of **SAINT MARY'S** magazine, now online.

□ *To find out what's up at schools throughout the District, visit www.delasalle.org and click on "Schools and Works" for an alphabetical listing of District works with links to their individual Web sites.* □

NEWS BRIEFS from the U.S./TORONTO REGION

LOUISIANA LASALLIANS REBUILD "Whatever you have heard about the recovery of the city, know this: De La Salle and our city face a long climb akin to the recovery of Europe after World War II. The rebuilding will take years." So writes Ken Tedesco, president of De La Salle High School in New Orleans, in his February update on the situation. Ken expresses the gratitude of Lasallians in New Orleans for the massive aid that has been given. Read his letter on the Web site of Christian Brothers Conference at www.cbconf.org.

NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS Celine Quinio has taken the position of Director of Communications at Christian Brothers Conference in Landover, Maryland. Read more about her at www.cbconf.org.

REGIONAL INITIATIVE TOWARD SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION More than 120 chief administrators, board chairs, and other representatives met in San Diego recently to continue exploration of closer association and better networking among Lasallian secondary schools in the U.S./Toronto Region. The full story is at www.cbconf.org.

□ For more news of the U.S./Toronto Region, go to the Web site of the Christian Brothers Conference at www.cbconf.org □

NEWS BRIEFS from the INTERNATIONAL LASALLIAN MISSION

CENTRO LA SALLE, MEXICO This center for “integral education” in Tijuana is well known to many in our District. Brothers and partners from this District were instrumental in its founding in 1979 and we have continued to support its ever-growing mission of outreach to the poor. Our District’s “Venaver” programs have taken hundreds of students to Tijuana to assist with the work and to learn from the people there. An examination of the impact and meaning of el Centro’s work is in a recent publication now available on the Rome Web site. Available in pdf format in four languages, it is also published in booklet form. Go to www.lasalle.org and look under PUBLICATIONS for MEL Bulletin No. 19 on *Integral Education*.

“THE LASALLIAN CHARISM” AS IT IS LIVED Another new publication available in pdf format is on Lasallian Charism. “Charism is a gift which the Holy Spirit gives to a person for community service or, better yet, to enable the person to contribute to the community’s mission.” A full exploration of the meaning and history of Lasallian charism, and personal witnesses by eight modern Lasallians -- including Gery Short of the District of San Francisco and Karin and Michael Anderer-McClelland of the Midwest District – make this a compelling new document. Go to www.lasalle.org and look for *Lasallian Charism*.

WHERE DO THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD BEGIN? Brother Nicholas Capelle, FSC, who is now the Visitor of the District of France, gives us a document titled “Est déjà homme, qui le sera.” In English translation, that is “It is already now the person it will become.” This MEL Bulletin No. 22 (also available in Spanish and Italian) is an investigation of human life in its embryonic and fetal stages. The bulletin, Brother Nicholas writes, “is meant to provoke reflection and to encourage all Lasallian educators” to give thought to the origins of life and its need for protection. With essays, international data, and a glossary, this is a rich resource. Available in pdf format at the Generalate Web site in Rome. Also available in booklet form. Go to www.lasalle.org and look under PUBLICATIONS for MEL Bulletin No. 22, titled *It Is Already Now The Person It Will Become*.

SOME DATES FROM LASALLIAN HISTORY

- **March 11** On this date in 2001, five Christian Brothers were beatified. They are known as the Martyrs of Valencia. To know who they are and why they died, go to www.lasalle.org and click on History.

- **March 19** On this date in 1719, John Baptist de La Salle, gravely ill, celebrated Mass for the last time. He would die less than three weeks later, on April 7. It is said that the word went round in the streets of Rouen, “The saint is dead.” To understand his life and work and sanctity, a good resource is the “Commemorative Issue” of Signs of Faith magazine on our District Web site. Go to www.delasalle.org, click on RESOURCES & LINKS, then click on “Signs of Faith” and find “The Commemorative Issue.”.

Many other resources in Lasallian literature, history, and documentation are available online from the Generalate Web site at www.lasalle.org.

□ *Teachers of languages and cultures: You have a resource in Rome -- The Web site of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is multi-lingual and multi-cultural, with publications and postings in French, Spanish, and Italian as well as English. It's a gateway to the wider Lasallian world.* □

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