

believe I can actually do something. I'm able to plan three or four months in advance. Journey House not only provides me with the basics of food and shelter, but the staff trusts the students. I know that no matter what happens, they won't abandon me. I'm not sure how Brother Tim keeps the kids in school, but he does. Compared to the other places I've lived, Journey House is a big TEN."

The support from Journey House continues even after students

graduate from high school. The staff helps them prepare for college and obtain financial aid. Even after they leave, Journey House remains home to them. Jason says "the support and feeling of security that students experience at Journey House often makes graduates think about going back to help others coming up in the program."

Loreva Bromley, a math teacher and department chair at La Salle High School in Milwaukie, Oregon left Riverside, California

where she was a public school teacher for six years to return to her childhood home in Portland. Before long, she was hired at La Salle. When asked how teaching in a Lasallian school differs from teaching in public school, she answered, "On the surface things are the same, but deep down they are radically different. The people I work with are top-notch professionals; they treat the students with respect and truly care about their spiritual and emotional well-being."

The Christian Brothers have not worked directly at La Salle High School for several years. The Lasallian tradition is maintained through new teacher orientation and by example. Loreva explained, "The people who are hired here are deeply spiritual. They are not all Christian or Catholic."

"I always felt the spirituality I brought to La Salle was respected and valued. At first, I imagined there was a chasm between what I believed and the beliefs of the

Catholic faith, but that was not true." Three years ago, Loreva joined the Catholic Church. "The Providence of God brought me here," she said. "Those of us who work at La Salle share a love for God and a love for our students. That is our binding force."

Jesse Murray, a Lasallian Volunteer at Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, teaches science and serves as the assistant coach for cross-country running and track. Jesse joined Lasallian Volunteers

in 1998 (after graduating from Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota) for three reasons: first, he wanted to live in community with the Brothers; second, he felt a sense of pride about the work of the Brothers and wanted to "give back"; third, he says, "I have received much, and I want to be a positive influence in the lives of others."

Thea Stidum, a Trustee at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento, retired as Principal of

"We are the end of one era and the beginning of something new."



"We are all part of this plan, from Brothers to teachers to students".

