

**RECENT SCHOOL VISITS** Br. George Van Grieken, Director of Vocation Ministry

- ✓ Participation in the SMC Career Faire, staffing a table, speaking with students.
- ✓ Invited member of an SMC panel presentation on the topic “Making a Difference”
- ✓ Ongoing conversations with the SMC Mission & Ministry personnel.
- ✓ Classroom presentations to all the Senior classes at Cathedral High School.
- ✓ Faculty presentation and discussion at SMCHS as part of the community’s Lunch with La Salle program.
- ✓ Extended visit to Thomas Aquinas College in Southern California, meeting with the president and other administrators; touring the campus; and planning for a February presentation to the students on religious vocations and the Brothers.

# Vocation Notes

by Br. George van Grieken

**A REQUEST FOR RESOURCES**

Please send any photographs that you have of Brothers at prayer, or in community, or with kids, or coaching, or wherever, to me for possible inclusion in the new vocation desk calendar. [Please email them here >](#)

## Vocation Day

Recently, I participated in a Vocation Day at Mary Star of the Sea High School in San Pedro, CA. And I must say it was a learning experience for me. All Juniors and Seniors entered the gymnasium during their religion classes. Here, about 15 religious orders had set up their displays on tables, with eight chairs around them. The students visited three displays of their choice for about 15 minutes each – listening to short presentations, asking questions, and getting involved. The school has been doing this for a number of years, and it appears to be quite successful. The operation ran smoothly, and I was impressed with their efforts to expose their students to the life of religious vocations.



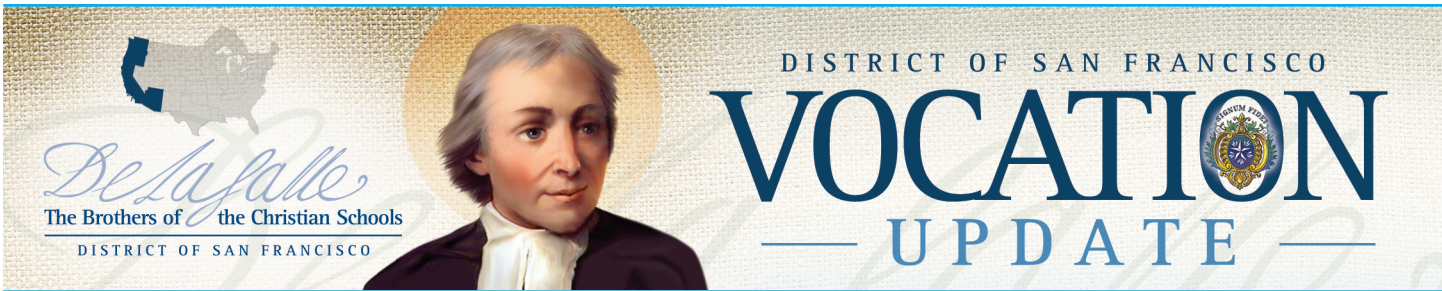
## Senior Vocation Retreat

Marilyn Paquette and I recently led the annual Senior Vocation Retreat at the Russian River for young men from our high schools. The five high schools who each sent 13 students were Cathedral, DLS North Catholic, Justin-Siena, LSCCP Milwaukie, and SHCP. The largest groups came with Mr. Berghout from Justin-Siena and with Br. Chris Patiño from Cathedral.

One of the most significant pieces for me was when Br. Chris described to the students what three days in his life looked like, hour by hour. Of the thirteen participants, ten said that they would be interested in learning more about the Brothers life and would like to stay in contact. By retreat’s end, one of the Contacts who participated, Roberto Martinez, decided to become an Aspirant.

We extend our gratitude and thanks to Bill Krueger, Br. Joseph Fabiano, Br. Camillus Chavez and others for being part of the retreat.

**CHRISTMAS VOCATION THOUGHT** “We are waiting for the day ...when all things will be summed up, when God shall be all in all; but already now God is in our midst; already now we have a vision of what each of us is by vocation and can be by participation.”— *Anthony Bloom*



# SCHEDULE

for Br. George Van Grieken, Director of Vocation Ministry • JANUARY – MARCH 2010

**JANUARY 4**

Staff Day retreat at MLS for SMCHS

**JANUARY 6-10**

Convention on Advertising and Contemporary Society

**JANUARY 11**

Mission Council Meeting

**JANUARY 15-18**

Senior Vocation Retreat (Women) at RR

**JANUARY 19**

District Council Meeting

**JANUARY 20**

Meeting with Stan and Thomas re Vocation Ministry

**JANUARY 21-22**

SMC Board meeting

**JANUARY 27**

Vocation Presentation to DLSI Staff

**JANUARY 29-31**

Directors Association Meeting and Listening Session

**FEBRUARY 1**

Student presentation at Thomas Aquinas College

**FEBRUARY 2-4**

La Salle High School, Pasadena vocation promotion

**FEBRUARY 10**

SHCP Vocation Day

**FEBRUARY 11-14**

Faculty Vocation Retreat at St Paul's, Covington, LA

**FEBRUARY 16**

Mission Council Meeting

**FEBRUARY 19**

SMC Corporation Meeting

**FEBRUARY 20**

Vocation/Initial Formation Committee Meeting

**FEBRUARY 20**

DENA Vocation Committee Listening Session (via phone)

**FEBRUARY 21-24**

LASSCA - Lasallian administrators meeting in New Orleans

**FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 5**

Personal retreat

**MARCH 6**

District Convocation

**MARCH 8**

Mission Council Meeting

**MARCH 9**

District Council Meeting

**MARCH 10-12**

DENA Listening Sessions at Lincroft, NJ

**MARCH 12-14**

SMC Board Retreat

**MARCH 15**

Vocation Day at La Salle, Yakima

**MARCH 18-21**

La Religious Education Congress

**MARCH 31**

Holy Week Retreat Begins (Liturgy Coordination & Music)

**ASPIRANT**

**Roberto Martinez**

from Cathedral High School  
2nd semester live-in aspirant at Cathedral High School

**Albert Wong**

from SHCP  
pursuing present-day information and status

**Joseph Wright**

from SHCP  
presently a freshman at SMC

**C.J. Garcia**

from Justin-Siena  
presently a sophomore at SMC

**Ryan Resurreccion**

teacher at La Salle, Pasadena

**DE MARILLAC – SAN FRANCISCO**

Ms. Michelle Batista

**DLS – CONCORD**

Br. James Ash

**DLS – NORTH PORTLAND**

Br. Joseph Kirk  
Ms. Megan Gill

**HFC – NAPA**

Br. Richard Orona

**JUSTIN-SIENA – NAPA**

Mr. Chris Berghout

**SMC – ALEMANY**

Br. Camillus Chavez  
Br. Roque Amorim

**SMC – BROTHERS COMMUNITY**

Br. Mel Anderson  
Fr. Thomas McElligott

**SMC – MS. MARIE LAWLER**

Ms. Rebecca Sallee

**SMCHS – BERKELEY**

Br. David Caretti

Mr. Lawrence Puck  
Mr. Chris Trinidad

**SAN MIGUEL – TUCSON**

Br. Dat Hoang  
Br. Nick Gonzalez

**LA SALLE – MILWAUKIE**

Mr. Ryan Mainard

**LA SALLE – PASADENA**

Mr. Brandon Birr  
Mr. Ryan Resurreccion

**LA SALLE – SAN JOSE**

Br. Anthony Thanh

**LA SALLE – YAKIMA**

Br. James Joost

**PROVINCIALATE – NAPA**

Br. Thomas Westberg

**SAINT LA SALLE – OAKLAND**

Br. Robb Wallace

**SHCP – SAN FRANCISCO**

Br. Joseph Fabiano  
Br. John Hoover

**CONTACTS**

**James Hayes**

from San Miguel, Tucson  
presently a sophomore at SMC

**Logan Lanz**

from La Salle Milwaukie  
presently a freshman at Saint Mary's University

**John Omernik**

former principal at De Marillac  
presently at a Lasallian school in Mexico

**Lawrence Poitevin**

older candidate  
presently working at an LA SAT prep school

**VOCATION COORDINATORS**

**CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES**

Br. Chris Patiño

**CBHS – SACRAMENTO**

Br. Donald Johanson  
Mr. John Riley-Portal  
Ms. Mary Hesser