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# **CONTINUING THE FOUNDER'S CALL**

Our founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, was born to a wealthy family in Reims, France, but his Saintly mission was to sacrifice everything to educate the young, especially the underprivileged. He created a community to train young teachers in order to provide children with a human and Christian education. This special teacher's community that served God and young people became the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a global Institute for education focused on the Lasallian mission to serve. The thread of service to those in need weaves together Lasallians in eighty countries, and connects more than thirty ministries in the District of Eastern North America (DENA) into "One La Salle".

Lasallian students are called to service through their faith in God, and through the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle who touched the hearts of so many. Whether it be the kindness, compassion, and acceptance students show each other every day, the individual service of a student to a favorite cause, or a schoolwide program, service to others rooted in the gospel message of Jesus Christ is part of the fabric of Lasallian schools. Service, in which the needs of others are put before self, helps to build bonds that connect students to the Lasallian mission and their faith long after graduation day.

If you peruse the websites of the schools in our District, you will see that Lasallian students serve those in need in a wide variety of ways. The Lasallian Youth program within its various



Children at La Salle School on the Blackfeet Reservation in Browning MT are tutored by students from St. Johns College High School, Washington DC.



While creating a neighborhood garden in the city, Christian Brothers Academy Syracuse NY students pause to talk to some children.

ministries is one way for students to engage in the Lasallian mission through direct service projects. As one example, Lasallian students widely participate in the collection and delivery of food and necessities for those in need throughout the year. Service to local communities is a priority.

In Brooklyn NY, students at Bishop Loughlin High School rake leaves, plant trees, and pack meals at a local food bank. Service, faith, and justice are inextricably connected, and there are Social Justice Clubs throughout DENA ministries, such as La Salle Academy Providence RI, where the Social Justice Club is devoted to serving those who live in poverty in Providence. This year, students at Saint John's College High School in Washington DC marked Lasallian Social Justice Week with education and activities designed to gain a deeper understanding of homelessness. They also packed food and care packages for the most vulnerable in their community. La Salle College High School in Wyndmoor PA has a Homeless Outreach program in which students serve food, and provide clothing and friendship to those living on the streets in Center City Philadelphia.

As part of One La Salle, schools of our District also strive to serve the global community. Most of our DENA schools take part in our Lasallian Twinning program, forming ties with their "twinned" school in the Lasallian District of Lwanga in Africa. Fundraisers at each US school provide the twinned school with much needed help for school fees and food for children, the salaries of teachers, and other essential projects. Twinning, however, is not simply about sending money to Africa. Throughout the year, US students and the students at their Twinned school in Africa interact with and learn about each other through classes and (continued on page 4)

# **A MESSAGE FROM THE VISITOR**



### Dear Friends,

This month, Br. Robert Schaefer, FSC, has turned his section of *Lasallian Notes* over to Br. Paul Avvento, FSC, Director of Vocation Ministry. His words are so encouraging, especially as we celebrate Founder's Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

When I became Director of Vocations in July I adamantly believed in the continued relevance of our beautifully unique vocation, and that God was continuing to call men to serve Him as Brothers of the Christian Schools. After close to a year in this role, I realize my only mistake was underestimating the attractiveness of our vocation.

Through a plethora of events, visits, retreats, and gatherings, men continue to share their gratitude and appreciation for inviting them to share in our fraternity. Br. Ed Shields and I have been supported and encouraged by Brothers and Partners from across the District, helping us share our Brotherhood with hundreds of men interested in learning more about our shared identity. We have worked with men of all ages from within and outside the Lasallian world. And each time they share the ways that these experiences have impacted their faith lives and their discernment.

I have been surprised by the intensity of faith in the young people we have encountered. From witnessing our high school students lining up for Confession and Adoration to the young men praying the Rosary together on the beach, it is clear that God is at the center of their lives. These men see in us Brothers a flame so intense that it directs us outwards to the students entrusted to our care. They desire not simply to teach a subject but to lead others toward God by their example and witness. They recognize their faith as a gift freely given to them, and one that must be freely shared with others.

It will take time, but as we trust in the slow work of God we also trust in His continued care of our Institute. We believe that our faithfulness to our vocation will inspire the faithful to explore it more earnestly, and that those whom God calls to our Institute will gladly and eagerly respond with their "yes!"

Please pray through the intercession of St. Joseph – Patron of the Institute, St. La Salle, and Mary – Queen and Mother of the Christian Schools, that we Brothers continue to respond as God calls and that those whom God calls may join us in our life of faith, community, and evangelization through education.

Live Jesus in our hearts, Br. Paul Avvento, FSC Director of Vocation Ministry





THE ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE FUND seeks to ensure that a Lasallian education is available and accessible to those students most in need. Through an initial program of student sponsorship and a growing program of grants to identified schools, the Fund provides tuition assistance for students to attend a Lasallian school. With your support, we are now providing more than \$1 million annually for our students in need. All are welcome to join the Brothers and their Partners-in-Mission in this specially-dedicated scholarship fund which continues to grow each year.

## FACE OF THE FUND

by Michael Triano – junior at St. Peter's Boys High School, Staten Island NY

My name is Michael Triano, and I am a junior at Saint Peter's Boys High School in Staten Island. Ever since I was young, I had a dream of becoming an Eagle and being part of this special school. My dad is an alumnus of the school, class of 1989. He has told me stories about how amazing this school is. He was the captain of a two-time Catholic High School Athletic Association City Championship team. To this day, my dad still keeps in touch with his fellow Eagles. When they get together, they enjoy reminiscing about all the wonderful things they accomplished at this school.

One of my favorite things about this school is the family-like atmosphere and brotherhood. Saint Peter's has multiple levels of education, and extracurricular activities for a wide range of student interests. From the second I stepped through the doors of Saint Peter's on my first day of freshman year, every person in this school has been welcoming and supportive. Whenever I have needed help, someone has been there. The motto for Saint Peter's is "Builders of Boys. Makers of Men." Their goal is to prepare their students for the real world and shape them into the best young men that they can be. I am so grateful that I have the great opportunity to be a part of this school. It has become like a second home.

At Saint Peter's, you build relationships that you will have for the rest of your life, as I have seen with my dad and his friends, and as I am now making. I am proud to follow in my father's footsteps, attending this school, and even wearing number ten, the same number he wore when he was here. I thank the De La Salle Fund for helping give me the opportunity to live out my dream of being a Saint Peter's Eagle.

# SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

## **SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY - PAWTUCKET, RI**

### by Ms. Nancy Cifune - Director of Communications

From a small, one-building, boys-only school of fifty-nine students in 1924 to a college-style co-ed campus of eight buildings serving 450 students, Saint Raphael Academy (SRA) is thriving into its 100<sup>th</sup> year!

Saint Raphael Academy will begin a year-long centennial celebration this fall that will include events for students, alumni, and friends. The school has grown and changed over the last century, yet the tenets of faith, service, and community still ring true. Today, there is a strong Lasallian spirit throughout our faculty and administration, carrying on the teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the traditions of the Christian Brothers.

Principal Daniel Richard has been at the helm for twelve years, and has overseen a thirty-five percent increase in enrollment, an expansion of the campus footprint, and a highly successful capital campaign. In addition, SRA welcomes international students from seven different countries (including another Lasallian school in Spain) who come to Pawtucket to experience an American education.

Saint Raphael Academy is poised to continue providing a strong college-preparatory education for students. The last capital campaign, "The Next 100 Years," which began just before the pandemic hit, well exceeded its \$5 million goal. Funds are being used to establish an endowment and for classroom improvements. The school just completed the ten-year renewal of its New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation, earning the highest ratings. It is also participating in Catholic University of America's new Lumen Accreditation program through the Diocese of Providence.

The school is still known for its excellent athletics program. In the last five years, SRA athletics has seen nearly twenty state division championships, eight state Gatorade Players of the Year (six in the running program alone), and a School of the Year recognition from the RI Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (RIIAAA).

SRA has robust extracurricular offerings ranging from newer clubs like robotics, Spikeball Club, and Dungeons & Dragons, along with clubs that have spanned the decades like Model Legislature, Future Business Leaders Association, and Mock Trial. The SRA Cultures Club was formed to celebrate and recognize the varied cultures at the Academy. The ever-popular drama program has been going strong and has represented Rhode Island at the New England Drama Festival twice in the last two years. Saints Drama was proud to receive twelve awards during the first annual PPAC Rising Star Awards for its production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* in 2023.

Saint Raphael Academy is extremely proud of its alumni, and the Hall of Fame inducted its third class of honorees in April, recognizing alumni for their commitment to service and to the academy. The Lasallian heritage lives on through approximately ten thousand SRA graduates.



Theology teacher Miss Theresa Gallagher keeps her students engaged.



Faculty member, Mr. Michael Sassi '86, congratulates seniors at graduation.



St. Raphael students take part in a charity Walk-a-Thon.

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video calls. The relationships built each year between the student bodies of the schools strengthen their understanding of the global Lasallian family. Several of our schools have been inspired to take on other international support projects, like CBA Albany, where the UNICEF Club organized a 'trunk-or-treat' event to raise funds for humanitarian aid to children throughout the world.

Student service immersion trips are another opportunity for transformative experiences for students throughout DENA. Students leave their home and comfort zone to spend time with those in need and assist them as needed. At the La Salle Educational Center in Homestead FL, students provide educational and recreational opportunities for the children of low income and migrant families. At the De La Salle Blackfeet



Students from Calvert Hall in Towson MD traveled to La Salle Educational Center in Homestead FL to volunteer their service.

School in Browning MT the experience includes tutoring students and learning about their families and the challenges they face as American Indians living on a reservation. La Salle College High School has received the Saint Francis of Assisi Service Award for their commitment to service at Saint Michael's Indian School. Over the past fifteen years, La Salle has sent more than three hundred students and faculty to Arizona for community service at the



West Catholic students from Philadelphia PA volunteer at Ronald McDonald House for the Breakfast Served with Love program.

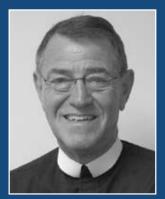
school, and for an immersion experience with the Navajo Nation.

Service opportunities at our Lasallian schools are designed to shine a light on the great needs that exist in our world. Lasallian schools, in the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, foster an awareness of the many challenges faced by the economically poor, and the interconnectedness of the local and world communities in which we love our neighbor as ourselves. As students carry forward the service mission of our Founder, through experience and reflection, they gain a mature understanding of their personal responsibility to actively help those in need, building God's Kingdom here on earth.



Lasallian students from Africa take part in a Zoom call with students from their "Twinned" school in the US.

# BROTHER SPOTLIGHT Thomas Lackey, FSC



I was born in Detroit in 1947, and educated in grade school by the Sisters of Charity. They were the kindest women, although I will admit that riding my bike a mile to serve 6:00am Mass at their convent was not my favorite thing to do.

When I entered De La Salle Collegiate in Detroit (DLS), they had many young Brothers who really engaged their students inside and outside of the classroom. They affirmed me. We played handball outside after school, and they would open the gym and play basketball with a group of my friends (yes, a clique of nerds).

Upon graduation, I chose the University of Notre Dame because it offered a course of intensive German to prepare for a week in Innsbruck, Austria. In Europe, my life was opened to architecture, art, opera and classical music. But, I still felt the call to be a Brother. After novitiate, I was assigned to Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft NJ (CBA), teaching world history to a large hall of 100 freshmen! Can you imagine? Then back to my *alma mater*, where I taught Asian Studies. At both CBA and DLS, I started student soccer programs with other Brothers.

After a two-year sabbatical at the University of Michigan to learn about Asian Studies, I returned to DLS and, reluctantly, became an administrator. But even in that role, I learned that I could win and touch the hearts of all different types of students.

Following a blur of powerful, unexpected experiences, I was assigned to St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo in campus ministry. One of the most moving experiences for me is the annual Kairos Retreat, where we touch so many hearts. I am so inspired by the seniors who attend. And, I do cry every time I give my speech about God's friendship in my life.

I'm still not ready to retire. I have too much energy. And I experience holy moments each day with the students, faculty, and staff. Their presence keeps me going, and I know new adventures await.

I am thankful to have been called to be a Christian Brother and to have been touched by so many people.

### **"WE HAVE REMEMBERED THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS"**

We recently spoke to John (Jack) & Mary Lou Voge. They are a beautiful couple who live in West Chester PA, and they have decided to include the Brothers of the Christian Schools in their estate plans. Jack says that of course his children will be taken care of, but that he and Mary Lou feel strongly that the Lord has blessed them, so they must give back.

Jack, originally from Staten Island NY, began high school at St. Peter's Boys High School. Unfortunately, halfway through his sophomore



Mary Lou & Jack bringing home their latest rescue pup, Miss Fritz.

year, his family moved to Pennsylvania for his father's career as a master mariner. Jack's older brother, Donald was an alumnus of St. Peter's. Donald also worked his way up to master mariner during his nearly fifty-year career, unfortunately passing away before retirement.

"Even though I was only with the Christian Brothers for about a year and a half, they had a tremendous impact on my life. They gave me a direction, discipline (not appreciated at the time), and a desire to work with and help others." Jack continued, "I especially know that my brother Donald credited the Christian Brothers with giving him the discipline and knowledge to succeed. He would have liked the idea of giving back."

The lack of guidance and personal attention in public high school was a setback for Jack. After traveling the world for eight years on an oil tanker, he was ready to matriculate at West Chester University for teaching. It was during this period that he found his calling in real estate, which lasted for fifty years.

At the time Jack became a Realtor, he saw that there were sections of the county that were underserved. Realizing this, he focused much of his time and effort guiding clients who were at a disadvantage when it came to the home buying process. Using his contacts in the industry, he found assistance for many families who would otherwise be unable to purchase a home.

Mary Lou is also excited about helping the Brothers. "As a teacher myself, I know what a vital role the right teaching environment can have on our youth, and the Brothers continue to do an amazing job," she said. "We also plan to support several local charities that are close to our hearts, but the Christian Brothers definitely deserve our support."

For information on how you can remember the Brothers, contact Patrick Donahue at (732) 380-7926, or at donahue@fscdena.org.

# **BROTHER FROM DOWN UNDER ARRIVES AT DE LA SALLE COLLEGIATE**

Australian Brother, Lewis Harwood, FSC, was welcomed in March to De La Salle Collegiate (DLSC) in Warren MI. Br. Lewis, who taught at a Lasallian school in Sydney Australia before deciding to join the Brothers, professed his final vows in 2017. While he completes a year-long program in Theology studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, Br. Lewis will be living in the Brothers' Community at De La Salle Collegiate, and volunteering in the Counseling Department and Academic Support at the school.



Br. Kenneth Kalinowski, FSC, Principal, and Br. Lewis first met in 2010 at the Christian Brothers Center Novitiate in Napa CA. Br. Lewis visited Michigan in 2022 when considering post-graduate studies, and accepted the offer to become part of the De La Salle Collegiate community. "Thus far, the kids are just amazing," he said. "They are incredibly respectful."

## PROMOTING LASALLIAN SPIRIT IN OUR SCHOOLS Animator / anə mātər/ One who brings to life

The annual gathering of Lasallian Animators brought together Lasallian partners from ministries throughout our District for a twoday immersive experience focused on collaboration and enhancing mission-oriented formation practices.

Each DENA Lasallian school/ministry commits to providing ongoing Lasallian education and formation for its students, faculty & staff, and trustees. In the Lasallian context, the term "Animator" refers to someone who, within their local educational community and with the support of a local formation team, carries out this commitment by "bringing to life" the Lasallian spirit in their ministry community.

The program included presentations on the District's formation vision, and *Lasallian Formation for Mission: The Pilgrim's Handbook*. There were also presentations about successful efforts at local formation programs.

Great things are ahead for DENA ministries as our Lasallian Animators continue to work together and by association to share the Lasallian vision!



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### for your continued support of our elder Christian Brothers in residence (as of 4/8/24) at:

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# Lasallian Heritage Society

We would like to recognize and thank the following individuals who have informed the Brothers that we are being remembered in their wills or other estate plans.

If you have remembered the Brothers, but do not see your name here, or if you have questions about enrolling in the Lasallian Heritage Society, please contact Patrick Donahue in our District office at (732) 380-7926, or at donahue@fscdena.org.

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### LASALLIAN STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR VETERANS

An ergathon, a fundraising event in which rowers compete against each other, raised nearly \$27,000 to purchase service dogs for injured soldiers through a

donation to the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund. Lt. Zilinski, a CBA and West Point graduate, was killed in action in 2005. Two students from Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft NJ (CBA), Jack Keavey and Robert Earle, organized the event. Designed to raise awareness about wounded US service men and women, this was Jack's community service project.

Participants competed using stationary rowing machines connected electronically. The CBA crew team, staff, students, friends, and families supported the event. "It's an honor and a privilege to run this event in Dennis' name. He is our CBA brother," said Jack. Robert added, "Helping out is important to me because we are supporting deployed troops and veterans who served our country and fought for our freedom." Lt. Zilinski's parents, Marion & Dennis, attended the event along with their son Matt who was about to deploy to Syria with the US Army.



# TRANSITIONS REMEMBERING THE BROTHERS WE HAVE LOST Full obituaries and eulogies available online at www.fscdena.org

### BROTHER STEPHEN CAPLICE, FSC 1937 - 2024

Br. Stephen Caplice, FSC, was born John Francis Caplice on December 31, 1937. He entered the Barrytown NY Novitiate on June 27, 1955. He received the Habit and name Albian Stephen on September 7, 1955. Br. Stephen

pronounced Perpetual Vows in Barrytown NY in 1962.

Br. Stephen joined the Brothers with a passion to teach and serve as a missionary. After teaching at Good Shepherd School in NY he was assigned to the Nativity School in Addis Ababa Ethiopia. Br. Stephen spent almost thirty years serving in Lasallian mission ministries in Ethiopia, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico. He also served at schools in NY.

Known for his compassion and kindness, Br. Stephen touched many hearts and minds throughout his life. According to his former student Br. Richard Galvin, FSC, "because he lived as a missionary disciple, those who interacted and engaged with him experienced God's love."



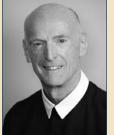
### BROTHER HENRY WERNER, FSC 1938 - 2024

Br. Henry Werner, FSC, was born Joseph Henry Werner in New Orleans LA on June 11, 1938. He entered the Ammendale MD Novitiate on June 8, 1956, receiving the Habit and name Gerald Henry on September 7, 1956. Br.

Henry pronounced Perpetual Vows at Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore MD on August 17, 1963.

Br. Henry served in schools from Pittsburgh to Louisiana. He pursued his deep interest in theological studies as Director of Religious Education, and Assistant Director of Diocesan Schools in Washington DC. Br. Henry's love of God also led him to serve as a campus minister and a retreat facilitator.

Br. Henry had a happy childhood and cherished his large family. According to his brother, John Henry Werner, Br. Henry saw himself as "a protector and defender of his younger siblings, his mom, his students and those who are disadvantaged."



## BROTHER JOHN PAUL JOSLIN, FSC 1946 - 2024

Born John Paul Joslin in Philadelphia PA on September 3, 1946, Br. J. Paul Joslin, FSC, entered the Ammendale MD Novitiate on June 15, 1964. He received the Habit and name Paul Bernian on September 1, 1964, and pronounced Perpetual Vows in

Philadephia PA on October 19, 1974.

Br. Paul began teaching at Archbishop John Carroll High School Radnor PA. His next assignment was missionary service at Liceo La Salle in Guatamala. Br. Paul was devoted to serving the poorest of the poor in Central America. He also taught at secondary schools throughout the northeast before joining Lewis University in Romeoville IL.

Br. Paul was known for his generous heart. His lifelong friend the Rev. Mr. John Betzal said, "Paul was always one of the good guys, a great son, a wonderful brother...a great friend to all who knew him." He lived a life in service to God.

## A True Lasallian Heart

Robert M. Conway Jr., AFSC will be deeply mourned by the Brothers and all those who knew him. He attended La Salle School in Albany NY, and Christian Brothers Academy, also in Albany, where he received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Robert graduated from SUNY Albany, and joined Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute. In his



many roles throughout fifty years at RPI, his caring efforts contributed to the success of many students.

Robert touched the lives of many throughout his life. He served as a Trustee for La Salle School for Boys, and President of the La Salle School Foundation Board of Directors. Robert received the Letters of Affiliation from the Christian Brothers in 2022. Known for his sincerity and generosity, Robert was a Councilman in Troy NY and served as Mayor.

Robert lived a life of service that was driven by the Lasallian mission. Please pray for Robert as he enters God's loving embrace.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our spring issue of *Lasallian Notes*. Spring is probably the most pronounced and joyous seasonal change of the year. The cold winter weather gives way to spring showers and warmer, sunny days. Trees bud and flowers bloom with new growth. Of course, right in the middle of the season, we celebrated new life in our Easter observances.

In our Lasallian educational world, graduates at Manhattan College and La Salle University are practicing for graduation ceremonies only a couple weeks away. Seniors at our high schools throughout the District will be getting anxious for the last day of classes. And eighth graders at our San Miguel Schools and our other middle schools will be dreaming about what their new schools will be like next year.

In a smaller way, even our other students will be witnessing change as they move from one grade to the next—with new courses, classmates, and teachers coming in the fall.

Please remember to pray for the success, happiness, and safety of our graduates, and of all the students and families that we serve each day throughout the District. We thank you also for remembering our Brothers and our Lasallian partners working in each of our schools.

We always appreciate that we are blessed to have you as a member of our Lasallian family. Know also that YOU are always held in the prayers of the Brothers.

Live Jesus in our hearts!

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at the

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