



LASALLIAN VISIONS

BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ★ DISTRICT OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA

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BROTHERS GROW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MAKING A LASALLIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE TO THOSE MOST IN NEED



A Lasallian education at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School provides students with the opportunities to be critical thinkers and engage in extracurricular activities like track and field, seen here with President Br. Dennis Cronin, FSC.

Since the **District of Eastern North America's (DENA)** inception in 2009, the Christian Brothers have been strategic in their work to bolster the endowed scholarship fund, named after our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Initially begun in the legacy **Long Island – New England District**, the Fund aims to make a **Lasallian Catholic education** accessible to children and families most in need.

Our Lasallian schools find themselves continually challenged to balance tuition costs, while staying true to the Lasallian charism of providing an education to the young, especially the poor. These ministries do all they can to keep a quality Lasallian Catholic education in reach for the families they serve, but it has become increasingly necessary to raise funds for tuition assistance. They are good stewards of the donations they receive, keeping Lasallian students and families always at the center of focus. **The St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund** steps in when the fruits of those efforts are exhausted.

Initially serving only a handful of our schools, the Fund has grown to currently serve 16 of our schools that have the greatest need among their students.

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Br. Richard Galvin, FSC, provides his students with extra help outside the classroom at St. Raymond High School for Boys, Bronx NY.

A MESSAGE FROM BROTHER DENNIS MALLOY, FSC

You carry out a work that requires you to touch hearts, but this you cannot do except by the Spirit of God.

- St. John Baptist de La Salle's Meditation for Pentecost Sunday



Dear Friends,

In the very heart of May this year, we are twice blessed on May 15th with the great feast of **Pentecost** and the anniversary of Pope Pius XII's proclamation of **John Baptist de La Salle as the Patron Saint of Teachers** in 1950. Common to each is the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit who forms us into community, *the Body of Christ*, and sends us out on God's mission to re-present Jesus to a world that is sorely in need of Good News.

The refrain from the responsorial psalm from Pentecost celebrates our hope and our belief: **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!** It is through us, as it was through Jesus, that the Holy Spirit moves and touches hearts, renews hope, and gives new life to our one beautiful and increasingly fragile world.

As you read this edition's articles, you will see that the **District of Eastern North America (DENA)** is richly blessed with Spirit-led people, not the least of them, our students. Our special feature is on **The St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund** — please take a minute to consider this great giving opportunity which literally is a gift that is transformative for our students in need.

Please, also, enjoy our **Ministry Spotlight** on **Calvert Hall College High School in Baltimore** and the work of two of its young scholars, as well as the homecoming of some extraordinary stained glass windows depicting the life of Jesus and De La Salle to **The Chapel of De La Salle and His Brothers** at **Manhattan College**.

We also share with you, the passing of four Brothers who are remembered with joy and gratitude for allowing the Holy Spirit to give life through their lives and their words in touching the hearts of many: Brothers **George Berrian, John Norton, Charles Kitson, and Joseph Radice**.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts!

Brother Dennis Malloy, FSC
Provincial/Visitor of DENA

De La Salle ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE FUND

THE ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE FUND seeks to ensure that a Christian Brothers' 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 over \$520,000 annually for our students in need. Others 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: TAINA PLASENCIA '18

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School



In many ways, 10th grader **Taina Plasencia** is a typical **Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School** student. Taina is bright, motivated, and heavily involved both at school and in her community. And yet, Taina would not have had the opportunity to attend Loughlin without a little help. In Taina's case, she is one of the beneficiaries of the **St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund**. Similar to half of Bishop Loughlin's students, Taina comes from a single-parent family. She has several younger siblings. As Taina herself says, "I do not think I could attend Loughlin without my tuition support."

Taina lives on the lower east side of Manhattan, a quick train ride away from Ft. Greene, Brooklyn. She attended the Cornelia Connolly School in Manhattan. It was a tough transition for Taina. "At first it was difficult because Bishop Loughlin has so many students and it's co-ed. I attended an all-girls school." Taina has found a home, however, at Bishop Loughlin. "It was very easy to make friends. Loughlin is like another home, with a second family." Taina has played an important role in the school's 2016 Brooklyn-Queens Championship Boys Varsity Basketball Team. "I have a great opportunity to manage the team. I feel as if I now have more than my two younger brothers at home. I now have a lot of older brothers." Taina has a lot on her plate—she babysits for extra income, and also takes swimming classes which have come in handy when she serves as a camp counselor during the summer. But she looks forward to coming back to school. In her words, "I love Loughlin!"

BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Charles Kitson, FSC

*“Laugh with us, Lord, as we dance in your sight,
Fools for your Name.”*



Br. Charles created the San Miguel Dance Team during his time at the school.



Brother Charles Francis Kitson, FSC, began and ended each of his Mime Shows and practices with his *Troup of Fools* at **La Salle Academy** Providence, with the above words.

Brother Charles' sudden death at 67 years of age in the early morning of March 11, 2016 seemed in the eyes of the world to be foolishness. However, Brother Charles knew, in the words of Saint Paul: *“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom.”*

Like his namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi, Brother Charles was a troubadour, a clown of God, and he lived his life in the words of that saint by preaching the Good News, and only using words if necessary! Brother Charles was indeed a bearer of the Good News to all those who came to know and love him in the **District of Eastern North America**, in the **Lasallian Region of North America**, and in the wider Lasallian world.

Brother Charles' impact extended far beyond those whose lives crossed his. In a recent video he spoke about prayer and his need to sit quietly with the Lord, anchoring his fast-moving life, and to remind himself that there is nothing more important than to be in God's presence. In a second video, his voice “awakens” people to the importance of consecrated life, taking his lead from another Francis (Pope Francis) who wrote: “I am counting on you ‘to wake up the world’, since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy... prophets know that they are never alone. As he did with Jeremiah, so God encourages us: ‘Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you’ (Jer 1:8).”

Brother Charles Francis Kitson—a fool for Christ's sake, a bearer of Good News, a prophet. May he dance in God's loving presence for all eternity!

- Brother Frederick C. Mueller, FSC

To learn more about Brother Charles, and celebrate his life, visit bit.ly/BrCharlesKitson

ENCUENTRO LATINO

GOING BEYOND OUR BORDERS IN MISSION

Continuing to follow the Directional Statements from the 2015 District of Eastern North America Mission Assembly, our **Office for Mission and Ministry** held the inaugural *Encuentro Latino*. From February 28th through March 1st, this formation program gathered the District's Latino professionals, those working in programs and ministries serving Latinos, and others interested in engaging and responding to the needs of our Latino/a brothers and sisters.

Dr. Celestino Fernández, the *Encuentro Latino* keynote presenter, is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Arizona, founding Board Member of the **San Miguel High School** in Tucson AZ, and member of the **Lasallian Education Council** for the **Lasallian Region of North America**

(**RELAN**). With his inspiration and guidance, participants began to network around the need for greater apostolic involvement in the Latino community. Fostering association and enhancing the ability to respond to this emerging population, these Lasallian Educators are working toward forming the District's **Latino Associative Group**, in order to:

- Understand the needs of the local Latino community and work with them consistent with the ministry's resources and possibilities.
- Invite and encourage ministries and Lasallians to explore and respond to the possibilities of new initiatives and programs, including collaborative efforts with other religious institutes and groups.
- Explore and/or create new outreach programs through existing ministries either individually or collaboratively.

“I believe the Lasallian family and mission, historically, have been great at reaching out to the Latino population,” said **Mr. Manuel Ortiz**, Graduate Support Director at **The San Miguel School of Providence**. “As a San Miguel graduate, and now as a Lasallian Educator, I've seen firsthand how transformative a Lasallian Catholic education can be in a young person's life. The fact that Brothers and Partners-in-Mission are coming together to have serious and thoughtful conversation about the needs of Latinos in America and how best to continue reaching out to the Latino population is significant. I'm proud to be part of this important dialogue as our shared Lasallian mission calls us to serve those who are most in need.”

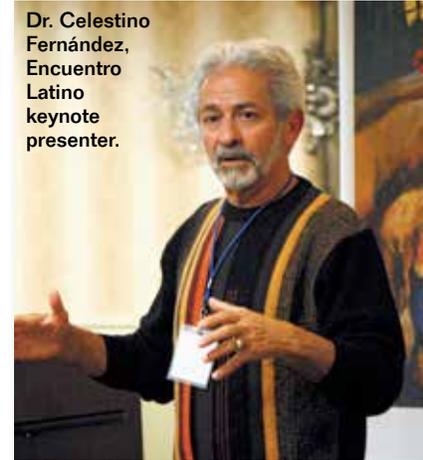
The District's Office for Mission & Ministry will continue to accompany these educators as they invite their Lasallian educational communities to go “beyond their borders” to evangelize the Latino population, and to serve children and families most in need.

For more on the Directional Statements from the 2015 Mission Assembly and District Chapter Resolutions visit www.fscdena.org under “Who We Are.”

Mr. Edwin Ortiz, 2nd year Religion Teacher at Calvert Hall College High School in Towson MD, poses a question to the entire group.



Dr. Celestino Fernández, Encuentro Latino keynote presenter.





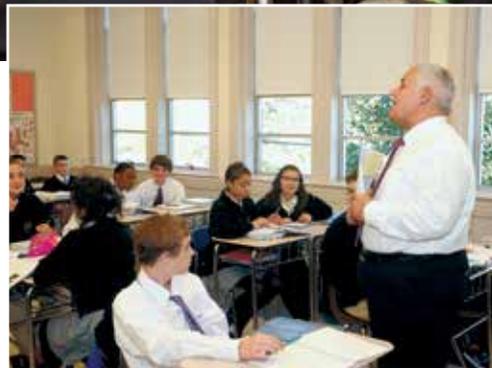
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BROTHERS GROW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It will disperse over \$645,000 in fiscal year 2017, allowing approximately 160 additional students to attend one of our schools. Without the St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund, a Lasallian education would be out of reach for these students, even with all of the measures in place to keep tuition affordable.

Because they are truly passionate about making education accessible to students with extraordinary needs, the Christian Brothers have built up the Fund through bequests, sales of properties, and donations from among their own Brother communities for more than 15 years. This same passion leads the Brothers and their Partners-in-Mission to now invite you to partner with them in supporting the students helped by this fund. On average, a student's tuition at one of our secondary schools (the Fund aids our San Miguel and Middle Schools as well) is \$12,750 per year. The St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund annually disperses 5% of its market value 3-year average. Your donation helps grow the Fund, thereby increasing its value, and helping additional students.

According to *The New York Times*, and *Providence Journal*, in articles published January 2016, New York City's graduation rate was 70%, and in the five largest Rhode Island school districts (in which two of our schools can be found) the graduation rate ranged from 58-85%. Conversely, our ministries have graduation rates nearing 100%. In the Lasallian tradition of academic excellence, nearly all of our students continue on to higher education: **Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School**, Brooklyn NY 97%; **La Salle Academy**, New York City, 98%; **St. Raymond's High**



The young men of La Salle Academy in New York City; Students receiving one-on-one attention at Bishop Loughlin; Students learn from each other as well as their teachers at St. Raphael Academy, Pawtucket RI.

School for Boys, Bronx NY, 99%; **La Salle Academy**, Providence RI, 99%; **St. Raphael Academy**, Pawtucket RI 98%.

Our *Lasallian Visions* feature, "**Face of the Fund**" highlights a student who is benefitting from the St. John Baptist de La Salle Fund. On page 2 you will read about **Taina**, attending Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn NY. Taina has found a second home and family in Loughlin, all while accessing a life changing Lasallian education that will help her beat the odds. Join us in making a Lasallian education even more accessible to our students and families. Please realize that your gift can change our students' lives and help them to achieve a lifetime of returns on your investment!

Thank you

for your continued support of our Christian Brothers in their retirement at:

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 Br. Philip Whitman (B)
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 Br. William Winter (B)
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 Br. Nicholas Zimrose (T)



Some of the many members of the Rolston family, friends of the Brothers, who came together to help sponsor The Childhood of St. John Baptist de La Salle window.

LASALLIAN LEGACY SHINES THROUGH

On the morning of April 7th, the feast of our patron saint, applause and cheers could be heard in the **Chapel of De La Salle and his Brothers** on the campus of **Manhattan College** as, one-by-one, blackout curtains were removed from twelve newly installed stained glass windows. This was part of a beautiful dedication ceremony that is the culmination of years of work to save the series of windows entitled *The Life and Work of Saint John Baptist de La Salle*. This day began a new chapter in the life of these treasures created more than one hundred years ago in Bayeux France for **The Brothers of the Christian Schools**.

The Christian Brothers lost possession of these windows in 1969 with the closure and sale of their Novitiate in Barrytown NY. Fifteen years ago, **Mr. James Casey**, assisted by **Mr. John Hannaway**, began spearheading a call to save these windows before they were lost forever. The windows are considered by many experts to be not only historical treasures but artistic masterpieces. Through a joint effort by the **District of Eastern North America** and Manhattan College, hundreds of patrons and friends of the Brothers joined together to save the windows. In addition to the ten "De La Salle" windows, six windows depicting themes of Jesus were also saved from Barrytown. Two of these are also in the Chapel at Manhattan College, and three others will adorn the chapel in a much needed new "senior friendly" Brothers community house currently under construction in Philadelphia. A special thanks to all of our donors and partners who made the move of these masterpieces possible!

More about the windows can be seen at bit.ly/DLS_Windows



Brothers Luke Maher, Dominic Gisondo, and Mark DePietro have their fill of a scrumptious breakfast.

SENIOR BROTHERS BREAK BREAD AT LONG BRANCH RETREAT

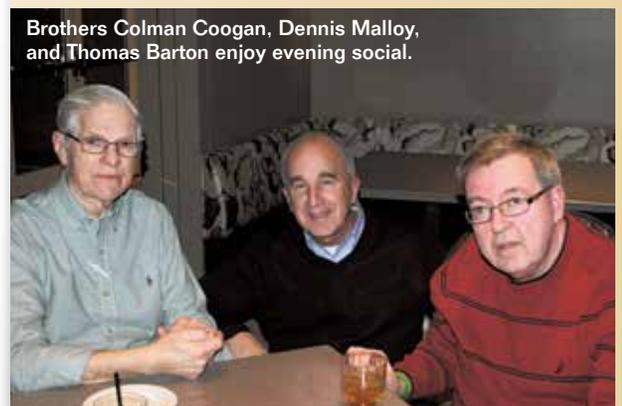
Despite the chilly President's Day weekend, Senior Brothers from across the **District of Eastern North America** were in high spirits for their annual community retreat, held at the **Ocean Place Hotel** in Long Branch NJ. More than just a weekend getaway, the trip was a chance for men of humor, experience, and faith to revel in each other's company and learn of different perspectives that influence the community.

Brother Colman Coogan from **La Salle Hall Ammendale MD** said he was thrilled with the hotel accommodations and service. "It is not only attractive, but the staff took care of us, providing excellent meals and courtesies of every kind," he said. "They could not have done better!"

"It was a great weekend," said **Brother Louis Jaeger**, stationed at **St. Peter's Boys High School** on **Staten Island NY**. "I met so many wonderful men and exchanged thoughts with them." He enjoyed all the activities made available, from the exercise room, whirlpool, and sauna, to the indoor walking spaces and nearby church for Saturday night mass. The only thing he would change is to have more Brothers attend. "We should come back next year."

Brother Dominic Gisondo also at St. Peter's enjoyed the comradery no matter where he was. "The best part of the senior get-together was sitting down leisurely at meals and chatting with *confireres*, getting to know them and exchange experiences," he said.

For **Brothers Patrick Power** and **Stephen Olert**, who facilitated the event, and **Brother Bud Knight**, who escorted the visiting Senior Brothers from **De La Salle Hall** in **Lincroft NJ**, **Brother Edward Adams** sang their praises: "*Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum!*" ("Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when Brothers dwell in unity!").



Brothers Colman Coogan, Dennis Malloy, and Thomas Barton enjoy evening social.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

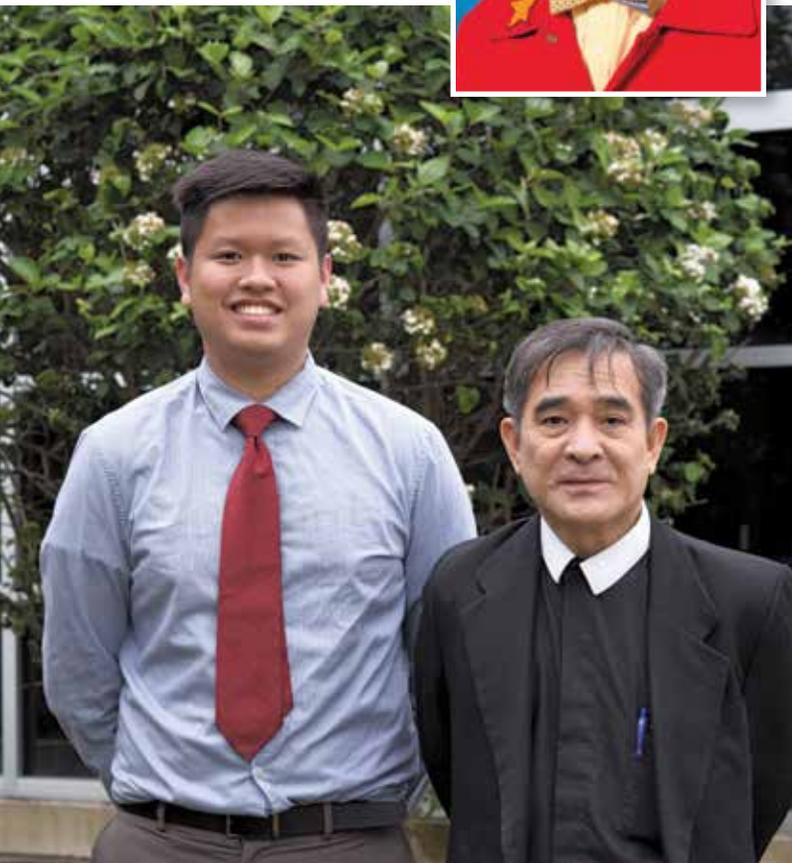
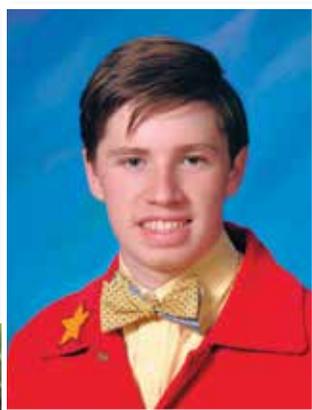
CALVERT HALL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

THE McMULLEN SCHOLARS PROGRAM: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, GLOBAL INFLUENCE

Since 1845, **Calvert Hall College High School** in Towson MD has been providing a first-rate Lasallian Catholic education to the young men of the Baltimore area. The **McMullen Scholars Program**, offered to Calvert Hall's most gifted students, places them on an extremely rigorous scholastic track, coupled with cultural and academic field experiences, and culminates with the Capstone Experience. This substantial, independent, research based project, under the mentorship of Calvert Hall staff and experts in the students' chosen field of study, not only heightens the young man's scholarly exploration in college, but helps him to discern his vocation, discovering what he is called to do in the future, and how he can help the common good.

Two such Capstone projects came to mind for **Mr. Louis Miserendino**, Director of the McMullen Scholars Program at Calvert

Calvert Hall's McMullen Scholars program and Capstone experience helped Michael Tritsch (right) bring his passion for history to life and unearth his vocation. Paul Phan's Capstone project, aided by Calvert Hall's Br. John Chung, is helping the Brothers and young people in Vietnam, and connecting two Lasallian ministries worlds apart.



Hall. "For Michael Tritsch and Paul Phan, their Capstone research was truly personal. The quality and depth of their research was outstanding, and they were extremely passionate and enthusiastic about their work."

Michael Tritsch, interested in history, archeology, and Egyptology from an early age, had the opportunity to partner with **The Johns Hopkins University**, researching an ancient Egyptian faience bead.

"Bearing an image of Tutankhamun drinking from a white lotus chalice, the bead is a cornerstone piece of the Egyptian collection and has appeared in numerous publications, yet it has never been extensively researched," said Tritsch.

Tritsch was privileged to have been mentored by **Dr. Betsy Bryan**, Professor in Egyptian Art and Archaeology at The Johns Hopkins University. Tritsch spent countless hours stretching his critical thinking and analytical skills, forming and evidencing his hypothesis on the overall appearance, meaning, and importance of the over 400 year old artifact, pulling from multitudes of scholarly research. An unprecedented 142 page thesis and a strong understanding of his vocation have been the fruits of Tritsch's labor.

"Clearly, to participate in archaeological digs, explore the ancient Egyptian culture, and share my findings is my calling. I became increasingly aware of God's presence in my life and have turned to Him for support and guidance throughout my time at Calvert Hall. From an academic perspective, I hope that my work has added to the knowledge we continue to learn about the ancient Egyptian civilization, and will perhaps help someone else's work in the future."

For **Paul Phan**, connecting with the Christian Brothers and his Vietnamese roots is helping his Capstone research to affect a community much farther away. The son of Vietnamese immigrants fleeing the hardships in their home country, Paul was imbued with a sense of identity and purpose to help make a change in his native nation.

"Vietnam is a rapidly growing country economically, yet there are many people who have been left behind," said Phan. "I wanted to examine why certain people are marginalized, what kind of problems exist, and what room there was for improvement."

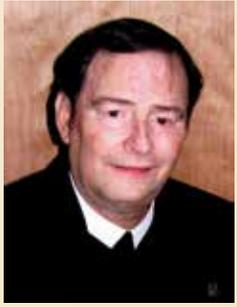
Connecting with **Brother John Chung Nguyen, FSC**, at Calvert Hall, Phan took his interest in Public Health and Advocacy all the way to the **Lasan Fan Huang Lasallian School** in Vietnam. Seeing the disparity and poverty children were living in, Phan set to work researching the proper government channels and hurdles that needed to be cleared to gain approval, funding, and community support, both here and in Vietnam, to put sustainable infrastructure in place for clean water and sanitation, and raise funds for educational supplies and healthy food initiatives.

Raising funds at Calvert Hall and in the Baltimore community, Phan has been touched by the selflessness of the Lasallian community. "Spiritually, I believe the [McMullen] program has helped me deepen my faith. From meeting the Brothers who have sacrificed so much to provide a Lasallian education, especially for the children in Vietnam, I am inspired to become a better person. The Brothers do not have much, but they have a strong faith in God and in the knowledge that what they are doing is their vocation."

TRANSITIONS

REMEMBERING THE BROTHERS WE HAVE LOST

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BR. JOSEPH RADICE, FSC

1942–2016

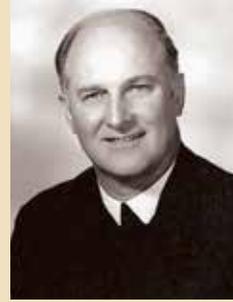
All it took was an ad at **St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute**—a “One Way Ticket to Heaven”—to set the course of life for Joseph William Radice. **Brother Joseph Radice, FSC**, entered the **Barrytown NY Novitiate** in 1961, the same year he received the religious habit and name, Brother Joseph Pius, then pronounced his perpetual vows at **Manhattan College** in 1967. **Brother Dominic Gisondo, FSC**, was Br. Joseph's close friend when they first worked together at St. Joseph's Collegiate in Buffalo NY in 1974. Br. Dominic explained the ways Br. Joseph's charm, strength, and influence came from his voice. “Brother Joe was a gentleman's gentleman,” he said. “He spoke with warmth, sincerity, and simplicity.” Br. Joseph was host of the Sunday morning radio show, “Music with a Message,” a program that showed Br. Dominic another side of his friend. “I was stunned as I did not recognize Brother Joe's voice,” he said. “Instead, I heard his deep, professionally trained radio voice booming: This is Brother Joe Radice presenting ‘Music with a Message.’” Br. Joseph was gregarious in his profession, whether through casual greetings with students and staff or through his role as Publicity Director for the school's musical productions. Even in his retirement he was busy. He served as Chairman for the house community meetings and wrote his autobiography, “Ticket to Heaven,” which was published in 2009. “Joe, you have touched many lives with your goodness, gentleness, wit, and humor,” concluded Br. Dominic.



BR. JOHN NORTON, FSC

1922–2016

Born John Joseph Norton in Milford MA, **Brother John Norton, FSC**, entered the **Barrytown NY Novitiate** at the age of 31. He received the religious habit and name, Brother Conall Benedict, on September 7, 1953 and pronounced his perpetual vows 6 years later. He spent the early years of his career at **Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Mater Christi High School, St. Bernard High School, and La Salle Academy** in Providence. Many times he acted as Guidance Counselor, a position that would prepare him for what would become his legacy: co-founder and Family Counselor for **Ocean Tides School** of Narragansett RI, and **Tides Family Services**, the “Agency without Walls” providing services for at-risk youth. Tides' other founder, **Brother Michael Reis, FSC**, praised Br. John for his versatility in working with individuals or entire families, on even the most difficult cases. Br. John was well respected by young Tides staff for his encouragement and support. **Family Court Judge Raymond Shawcross** said Br. John was always of tremendous assistance to clients, social workers, probation officers, and attorneys. “He was a great listener and never harsh or judgmental,” said Judge Shawcross. “He never gave up on a boy and always had the best interest of youngsters at heart. He was a true follower of De La Salle.” **Brother Fred Mueller, FSC**, was impressed with Br. John's dedication as a court liaison. “The judges had implicit trust in his good judgment,” he said. “His ministry was a clear response to the Lasallian mission of service to the poor.”



BR. GEORGE BERRIAN, FSC

1925–2016

Brother George Berrian, FSC, born George Robert Berrian in New York NY, was committed to being a Brother at just 14 years old, coming to the **Barrytown NY Juniorate** in 1939. He received his religious habit and name, Brother Cosmas George, in 1943, and pronounced his perpetual vows in Oakdale NY in 1950. In addition to holding several teaching positions, Br. George was also History Department Head for both **St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute** and **Manhattan College Prep**, Director of the Graduate Division at Manhattan College Prep, and Dean of Education at **Manhattan College**.

Brother Raymond Meagher, FSC, was inspired by Br. George's dedication to his career, students, and colleagues and spoke with many individuals whose lives Br. George touched. One former student said: “Brother George pushed us to do our best to ensure the brightest possible future.” Another said: “He cast a big shadow of influence not only on me, but on all those with whom he came in contact over the years.” Br. George kept in touch with many former students long into his retirement, regularly involved with their reunions. **Ms. Ann Clohessy, BFSC**, former Administrative Secretary at Manhattan College, said she was touched by Br. George's kindness, humility, and devotion to the sick and needy, from his own mother to Ann's husband, whom Br. George drove to several doctor's appointments. “George is the kind of person who does things quietly—you never heard him talk about the things he did,” she said. Br. Raymond said Br. George provided valuable encouragement beyond crafting dissertations and annual Christmas messages. “George bought completely into what he was doing,” he said. “He was more than fully committed as he used his extraordinary gifts, talents, and passion to reach out and help others.”

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Dear Friends,

If you are reading this newsletter, it probably means that you are an alumnus, parent, relative, or friend whose life has been touched, nourished, forged—in other words, just made better—by a Brother or by many Brothers. I admit that I am not a “Brothers’ Boy,” but I am beginning to understand the bond that exists within this Lasallian family.

While it is always a sorrow when we lose a Brother, the recent unexpected death of **Brother Charles Kitson, FSC**, hit closer to home. I have had the honor this past year of working in the same office with Charlie. He was a wonderful man with a beautiful spirit, who has been our Auxiliary Visitor for the District. While we were still trying to handle this sudden loss, I was amazed at the immediate outpouring of remembrances by those he touched across the District, the US, and from countries around the world. I know that Charlie is in the arms of our Lord.

We have now been blessed to hear that another wonderful man, **Brother Dennis Lee, FSC**, has agreed to return from his assignment in **Nairobi Kenya**, to serve out the remainder of Brother Charles’ term as Auxiliary Visitor for Community Life & Formation. I look forward to working with you, Br. Dennis!

Enjoy our newsletter. Please continue to keep all our Brothers in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Donahue
Director of Development



Window from former Brothers’ novitiate, Barrytown NY

**HONORING OUR PAST. SERVING TODAY.
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Establish your enduring legacy in support of our Lasallian mission. We invite you to join us as we continue to serve children, families, and our Brothers here in the United States and around the world.

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