Myrtha’s phone call to Brother Thomas Casey, FSC, at the De La Salle School in Freeport had only one goal, simply to say thank you for what the school had done for her son and for what it continues to do for so many. True to its Lasallian charism, the school uses education to make a difference in the lives of young people. Myrtha marvels at the lived reality of this ideal in her son, now a successful college student who delights in giving back to others, an overflow of the example he witnessed daily as a student at the San Miguel modeled school in Freeport.

John Baptist de La Salle began the Lasallian educational movement almost 350 years ago. That original Lasallian educational movement was the response of La Salle and the first Brothers to the educational needs of the young in seventeenth century France. Over twenty years ago another Lasallian educational movement began in Eastern North America with the founding of the first Miguel school, The San Miguel School of Providence, Rhode Island. Today Miguel model schools exist throughout the United States. Five of those schools are part of our District of Eastern North America.

These schools are signs of hope and opportunity in their communities. They make available this unique educational environment for students and their families, regardless of their financial ability. Whether at the original school in Providence, still going strong after over 20 years, Myrtha’s son’s school in Freeport, the San Miguel School in Washington DC, the Nativity Miguel School in Buffalo, or La Salle Academy in Philadelphia, celebrating its tenth anniversary this fall, middle and elementary school students like Patrick are welcomed into a Catholic, Lasallian school environment, previously deemed out of reach, tuition-wise, by parents.

“I really owe you guys a lot,” sighed Patrick’s mother, Myrtha, a single parent who couldn’t help remembering her struggling, angry, middle school son who hadn’t wanted to learn or even think about his future.
Dear Friends,

For many the fall season is the best time of the year: the new academic year is well underway; the weather is crisp and invigorating; the changing colors of the landscape are inspiring; the new TV season has begun; and, of course, for some, football, football, and more football.

This is always a season of great energy in our ministries as we help our students to grow into the discovery of the gifts they have been blessed with and the gospel call to share those gifts in service to others, especially those in greatest need.

In this season and spirit I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you for your support of our various appeals during the year! Your generosity as loyal Partners in the Lasallian Mission helps us to support our retired Brothers, and helps us to extend the benefits of a Lasallian education to hundreds of young people who are from poor or financially struggling families within our District ministries and beyond our borders in Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Jamaica, and Haiti. I would also like to recognize Br. Kevin Stanton and thank him for his leadership in our development efforts, for his zeal for the Lasallian mission, and for his warm and personal regard for all of us. Please see Rick McKay’s article below dedicated to Brother Kevin and his return to the classroom at West Catholic.

In this fall edition of Lasallian Visions we feature with pride our 26 Jubilarian Brothers! Together these men have devoted 1600 years of service to Jesus and to His Gospel in the footsteps of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. They exemplify well the words of our Superior General Brother Alvaro who describes the Brothers’ vocation as a “visible sacrament of God’s love for young people.” We note, too, with great pride the Reception of the Habit of our youngest Brother, David Deradoorian!

A consistent message of Pope Francis has been the need for the Church to come out from our comfort zone and move to the “outskirts of existence” where the forgotten and the most in need are. This has always been the raison d’etre of the Lasallian vocation. For this purpose our schools were founded and innovative programs within them continue to reach out to those young people who are most in need. In this issue our San Miguel schools and our newest ministry, Saint Vincent Strambi in Jamaica, give rich witness to this continuing fidelity to our call.

Thank you again for letting us share our stories with you, for your prayers, and for your commitment to the Lasallian mission!

Live Jesus in our hearts!

Brother Dennis Malloy, FSC
Provincial/Visitor of DENA

FAREWELL & WELCOME BACK BROTHER KEVIN STANTON!

This fall Brother Kevin Stanton, FSC, has returned to West Catholic High School! Kevin has deep roots at West Catholic, a school he attended as a youth and has served as a teacher, development professional, and principal.

Though his great contributions to our development efforts will be missed, I am very happy for Kevin. He is returning to his alma mater to be a positive force not only for his students but also for the entire West Catholic Community.

Thank you, Brother Kevin, not only for your years of loyal service to our development efforts and the thoughtful ways in which you helped our benefactors become truly Partners in Mission, but also for the kindness and patience you exhibited to me as I learn more about our Lasallian world.

During my visits to the Ammendale Development Office, Kevin would light up when talking about the “good old days,” serving youth in schools at West Catholic, St. Gabriel’s Hall, and Calvert Hall.

Well, Kevin, happy days are here again, not only for you but also for your students and colleagues at West Catholic who will benefit from your thoughtfulness, teaching acumen, and overall enthusiasm for all things Lasallian.

- Rick McKay, Director of Development
FAITH JOURNEY OF BECOMING BROTHER CONTINUES...

It was a most joyous summer of celebrations, jubilees, and retreats among the Brothers of the District of Eastern North America (DENA). Surely a highlight was the Habit-Taking by Brother David Deradoorian, FSC, on June 29 at St. Mary’s Church in Colts Neck, NJ (nearby to Lincroft, NJ).

Some one hundred fifty people gathered at St. Mary’s Church, in which the Habit-Taking was the first part of a Liturgy that was a true celebration of Brotherhood and commitment for the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the District of Eastern North America. Brother David chose Brother Peter Killeen, FSC, to be his sponsor. Brother Peter helped Brother David to put on his religious habit for the first time. After making a commitment of promises for the year in the presence of Brother Dennis Malloy, FSC, Visitor of DENA, all the Brothers in attendance congratulated Brother David, by greeting him with the accolade, the Brothers’ traditional ceremonial embrace. The Brothers of DENA are grateful to David’s parents who nurtured him in life and in his vocation. His parents and two sisters travelled from Detroit to participate in this special moment of deepening commitment in David’s journey. Fr. Frank Berna from La Salle University was the celebrant and gifted homilist.

How wonderful that the same Liturgy also celebrated the lifelong commitment of Brothers who have traveled through many faithful years as Brothers of the Christian Schools since their habit taking. Ten Jubilarians were honored for their varied service but common life, fraternity and commitment to religious life. These Jubilarians point the way for David. We hope and pray that God might continue to lead him forth in the vocation that has been so life-giving for so many of our Jubilarians over the course of many years.

During the summer, Brother David was involved in several service projects with students, including a week-long program in New York City that began the day after his Habit-Taking. At the end of July, he was part of a group of Brothers and Contacts (young men considering their religious vocation as Brothers), who attended World Youth Day and an International Lasallian Gathering in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. During the Gathering, Brother David was chosen to speak about the vocation of the Brother in the Church (see page 14).
Currently some 408 students attend these schools in which classes are kept small enabling each student to receive the individual attention he needs. Another 468 graduates are currently supported through Graduate Support programs that strengthen each student’s success rate as they continue their education in high school. Additionally, more than 700 students have been served in this special network of schools in the District of Eastern North America. Whether a young girl enjoying her third grade art class in Philadelphia, a “Miguel Man” in Providence smiling as he greets his mentor at morning assembly, a seventh grader saying good night to Brother Joseph at the end of the extended school day in Washington, D.C., a single parent attending a parent program in Freeport, or students in Buffalo explaining all they learned in their “Miguel-model” required summer program during their fall opening school assembly, each one proves that this two decades old Lasallian educational movement makes an incredible difference in the lives of urban young people and their families.

A dedicated group of Brothers, Sisters, Lasallian teachers, staff, volunteers, and administrators work tirelessly not only to guarantee the educational success of their students and to offer support to their families when they can, but also to secure the funding and resources needed to keep these schools functioning in their usual great manner. (The schools charge only a nominal tuition that covers less than 5% of the operational costs of serving their communities.)

Myrtha’s son, Patrick, exemplifies student achievement and rediscovered hope through one’s educational choice. Recent research at our Miguel modeled school in Freeport, shows that their ability to create and provide a sense of opportunity for hope is key to brighter futures for these students, families and communities. Not only successful through high school and now attending college, Patrick also gives back as a volunteer at his alma mater, teaching the discipline and focus learned through his other passion, boxing. Patrick doesn’t stop there. He also seeks out ways to cover the costs of any student who wants to train at his gym, but can’t afford to do so, enabling everyone to have the opportunity.

Patrick joins the rest of us who have been blessed with so much. His response to the call to share his time, talent, and treasures with those around him and to make his community a better place challenges us to do likewise. In this way, we will strengthen the future of our Lasallian mission and its educational movement responding to the needs of our time.
DENA LEADERSHIP ROLES

Having witnessed the completion of the first term of office (four years) for Brother Dennis Malloy, FSC (Visitor* of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, District of Eastern North America), The Brothers spent the spring of 2013 nominating and presenting names to Superior General Brother Álvaro for his appointment of their next leader.

Being eligible for one more four year term, Brother Dennis Malloy overwhelmingly had the support of the district. Brother Álvaro affirmed the Community’s wish wholeheartedly. On September 1, 2013, Brother Dennis Malloy began his second term as Brother Visitor of the District of Eastern North America. Once in place, Brother Dennis proposed to Brother Álvaro names for possible Auxiliary Visitors to assist him.

Upon appointment, Brother Edward Phelan, FSC, Brother Charles Kitson, FSC, and Brother Thomas Scanlan, FSC, assumed their terms as Auxiliary Visitors.

Brother Thomas Scanlan, continues in this role of working with our secondary schools and boards of trustees as well as with other related projects. Brother Edward Phelan will offer leadership to the Brothers in their community life activities as well as support the pastoral needs of our senior Brothers. Brother Charles Kitson will also be involved in supporting the community life of the Brothers and in our Vocation Promotion program, accompanying Brothers in the various stages of their growth and formation. In addition, the leadership team also works together in activities that support and promote Lasallian Association across the District. Thank you to these Brothers for accepting these leadership positions and for the care, support, and leadership they offer to the Brothers and Lasallians of DENA.

WORLD MISSION TALKS

Each summer, religious congregations are asked to speak to parishes about missionary activities. The Brothers of DENA have been happy to participate again in this Mission Cooperative. Carried out in dioceses throughout the USA.

This summer, 19 Brothers generously volunteered their time and weekends in 11 dioceses, speaking about their time in places like Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, the Palestinian Authority, Vietnam and now Jamaica. The Brothers spoke at parishes in Albany, Baltimore, Brooklyn, Fall River, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, Rockville Centre, Syracuse, and Trenton.

The life and ministry of Brother Dominic Jordan, FSC — who passed away last February — provided special material for reflection. Missioned to Saint Mary’s Secondary School in Nyeri (a small town north of Nairobi, Kenya), Brother Dominic, together with the local Kenyan Brothers, took action and began the Child Rescue Programme where neglected children would have the basics of life such as food, shelter, clothing, clean water, education, and hope. Today there are 180 Child Rescue primary school students who are mentored by the Saint Mary’s High School students. Thanks to the funds raised by the Mission Cooperative, DENA recently sent $25,000 in support of the Child Rescue Programme.

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Beginning with donations received as of Sept 1, 2013 we will return to the practice of listing all donations in one annual report that will be put out in the fall of each year. There will no longer be a listing in each edition of Lasallian Visions.

This will allow us to share more information with you about our Brothers and the activities of our District as well as to celebrate donors and their support in a very special way through our annual report.
On August 11th, the picturesque Dunes Club was the setting of the De La Salle Christian Brothers Annual Gala Benefit to raise financial support for the Brothers Retirement Center in Narragansett, RI.

On this beautiful evening, Brothers, friends and benefactors enjoyed socializing while savoring splendid hors d’oeuvres and cocktails in advance of fine dining selections.

The evening festivities included a ticket auction, live auction and the drawing of the FSC Raffle. There was also the debut of a unique entertainment experience named, “The Brothers Two” (Br. Edmond Precourt, FSC, and Br. Kevin Junk, FSC). Event attendees were treated to a rousing hour of comedy and song. Finally, the winners of the FSC Raffle were announced and congratulated.

We hope you will be able to join us next year!
FIRST LASALLIAN WOMEN SYMPOSIUM 2013

Together, Reflecting on Shared Experiences at the North American Gathering

The first North American Region of Lasallian Ministries and Communities Women’s Symposium was held July 8-12 at the San Francisco District’s beautiful and rustic Saint Joseph’s Camp located on the Russian River in Northern California. Over five days, thirty-eight participants, including 8 from our District of Eastern North America, gathered to reflect upon the Lasallian Mission in the context of “the century of the woman,” as stated by Br. Álvaro Rodriguez, FSC, Superior General.

The keynote presentation was pre-recorded by Ms. Trish Carol, a Lasallian long associated with our Lasallian Ministries in Australia, on her groundbreaking work regarding the women who influenced the life and vocation of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Trish’s lectures were facilitated in person, by her long time colleague, Brother Gerard Rummery, FSC, an international Lasallian scholar and author, also from Australia. Brother Gerard also presented a thought provoking lecture of his own on the letters that De La Salle wrote to a number of women during the course of his life.

Brother Alvaro, who was present for the entire Symposium, remarked to those gathered that the Institute needs “to develop an ever deepening appreciation for the essential contribution of Lasallian women in the wider Lasallian mission by recognizing that they constitute a distinct and statistically large group.”

CONTACTS SUMMER WORK IN DENA

Young men in the Contact program (exploring Brothers’ vocation) volunteer through summer immersion activities. Above: Benjamin Trabing

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Brother Augustine Loes, FSC
1913-2013

In writing about Brother Augustine Loes, one Brother stated, “He was an intellectual giant who allowed us young Brothers to search for the meaning in our own lives while having a love and respect for the best of the traditions. He kept us intellectually honest in an age of increasing relativism. He gave us permission to risk and think outside the box.”

Another Brother stated, “Brother Augustine’s life was more than what he did, great as these achievements were. It resided in who he was as a person. More importantly, it was the vibrancy of his prayer life that was so abundantly evident, not in a preachy show of religiosity, but rather through a calm, peaceful demeanor and an ever present sense of social engagement.”

Noted for his keen interest in a revival of the works of John Baptist de La Salle, his efforts brought out the fundamentals of our Lasallian heritage. He later went on to translate the original French version of the Founder’s works, a testament to both his insight and knowledge.

Because of Brother Augustine’s fidelity to the publication ministry through several years, he provided us with an outstanding library of updated Lasallian literature. He is and will be missed not only as an intellectual figure, but also as a holy person who impacted so many lives . . . God’s instrument to be the creator of goodness and change.

Let us pray for the happiness of his soul!

Brother Thomas McPhillips, FSC
1949-2013

In the Words of Remembrance spoken by Brother Gerard Molyneaux at the funeral for Brother Thomas McPhillips, Brother made reference to Brother Tom’s being a “Brother with a capital B, a caring teacher, and a loving friend.” Each one of the three titles bestowed upon him required much effort and hard work. Brother Tom’s sincere nature accepted the challenges of all three diligently and lovingly, thus achieving success.

Born in Philadelphia on September 8, 1949, to John and Louise Goane Mc Phillips, Thomas Hugh McPhillips attended St. Athanasius School and later LaSalle College High School where he encountered the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Upon graduation, he entered the Brothers’ Community and began his novitiate. He received the religious habit of the Brothers on August 31, 1967, in Ammendale, MD.

He attained his Bachelor’s degree from LaSalle College and his Master’s degree from Villanova University, both in biology. He later further studied biology at the Catholic University and achieved a PhD in virology from Baylor College of Medicine, San Antonio, Texas. His enriched background in science served him well as he moved through various assignments from Pennsylvania, through Texas, to Bethlehem, Israel, and back to his native Philadelphia.

Not only did his love for science and his caring manner endear him to his students, but so, too, did his well-rounded personality. Brother Tom is and will be greatly missed by many. Let us pray for his eternal happiness!

Brother Edward Davis, FSC
1929-2013

One Brother wrote, “Brother Edward Davis was one of the most intelligent, well read and well prepared teachers that I ever had. In addition, he had a very quick wit that would oftentimes keep you on your toes as a student. He thought so fast when he taught that one never dared not to pay attention for fear of missing a good joke woven into the academic lesson.”

Born in Baltimore, MD, on February 7, 1929, James Edward Davis was the only child of Evelyn Armiger and Stuart Davis. At age 21, he converted to Catholicism from his Methodist religion. Two years later he entered the Brothers’ Novitiate in Ammendale, MD. He was given the name Brother Francis Adrian, and professed his final vows in 1958.

A graduate of Loyola of Maryland, La Salle, and The Catholic University of America, he also achieved a doctorate in Religion along with advanced studies and field work in archaeology, Greek, and Hebrew. He was a lecturer in Divinity at Christ’s College of the University of Liverpool, England. Not only was he an excellent teacher but also an excellent administrator as his time at La Salle University proved. To his efforts is attributed the fact that he attracted many high caliber religion teachers from both sides of the Atlantic. This, in turn, caused enrollment to soar.

A well diversified individual, Brother Edward enjoyed opera, food, liturgy, travel, museums, Jane Austen, symphony, Bette Davis movies, and life in general. May our prayers for his eternal peace continue!

Brother Joseph Miggins, FSC
1924-2013

Like a magnet, Brother Joe’s warmth and simplicity captured the heart of just about everyone he encountered. But, Brother Joe’s own heart was obviously invested in the Brothers of the Christian Schools. They were his life and his love!

Born John Joseph to John Joseph and Mary Reen Miggins in New York on April 8, 1924, Brother Joe eventually went up the ranks of his Catholic school experience. After spending three years at De La Salle High School in 1941, Brother Joe entered the Juniorate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Barrytown, New York, in September, 1941. He began his novitiate in June of the following year. Three months later he received the religious habit and the name Brother Cletus Joseph.

From 1943 to 1945 Brother studied at De La Salle College in Washington. In 1945 he moved on to the Catholic University from which he received his Bachelor’s degree in 1947. His studies at Manhattan College from 1947 to 1957 provided him a triple Master’s degree in English, Theology, and Guidance.

Wherever he went, Brothers, students and parents quickly embraced his presence with respect, love, and admiration.

Poetry flowed not only from his pen but also from his heart for just about every occasion! Through this medium, Brother Joe found release for the many unique and beautiful thoughts so much a part of him.

He will always be missed. May his joy live in each of us! Let us pray for the eternal rest of his very big heart!

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**Brother Cyril O’Neill**  
1929-2013

In the Bronx, New York, on January 18, 1929, Joseph and Jane Hannett O’Neill welcomed the arrival of their son, Desmond Thomas O’Neill. Shortly afterward Desmond’s father died in an industrial accident. As a result, his mother took the family to England where assistance from family members was possible. It was there in England where Desmond grew and attended school.

His entire family became very involved in the parish life of St. Cuthbert in Manchester. There Desmond served as an altar boy, eventually instructing new members of the altar society. His first experience in teaching proved most satisfactory and interesting to him, enough to cause him to enroll in the Brothers’ Province of England Junior Novitiate as a high school sophomore. Desmond entered the Novitiate in June 1945. He received the Religious Habit and the name Brother Cyril that same year.

Brother Cyril began his teaching career at De La Salle School in Sheffield, England. After thirteen years he became the principal of De La Salle School, Liverpool, where he remained for five years. The next thirteen years he spent at St. Aloysius School in London. The following years he served as principal of St. Iltyd’s School, Cardiff, Wales.

Because many of his family immigrated to the United States, Brother Cyril requested to be assigned to America. His request was granted in 1986.

His constant prayer was that the US would be spared such troubling times as he had experienced in England. Grateful as we are for his prayers for our country while he lived, we now appreciate his intercession even more during so many years of global unrest. May great personal peace fill his days!

**Brother John Nolan, FSC**  
1925-2013

Born to Leo and Katherine Gilmartin Nolan on July 13, 1925, in Sayre, Pennsylvania, John took pleasure as a young boy in working in his parent’s store in Sayre. But two years after his high school graduation, John went off to his beloved Notre Dame University. On graduating from Notre Dame, John became a social worker for Catholic Charities of Brooklyn.

John entered the Barrytown novitiate on November 30, 1950. He received the Religious Habit on February 1, 1951, along with the name Brother Anselm of Jesus. On September 1, 1957, he pronounced his final vows at Barrytown.

Brother John completed a Master’s degree in American History at the Catholic University, Washington, DC, in 1954. He received a second Master’s degree in Sacred Science from St. John’s University in 1960.


Certainly his time at the Scallop Shell Nursing Home provided Brother John many opportunities to remember and appreciate his many travels to the jungles of the Amazon, to Rotterdam, the Caribbean, Africa, and the Holy Land. Let us remember and pray for John’s eternal rest.

**Brother Bernard Knezich, FSC**  
1930-2013

As the second youngest of nine children born to Joseph and Lucy Bussanich Knezich, Brother Bernard began his life as James Francis in Amsterdam, New York. His early years placed him in the Amsterdam schools, both elementary and secondary. Serving his country in the Korean War rewarded him in ways unexpected. It was there that he met an Army Chaplain who had a brother in the Christian Brother Community. His subsequent awareness of the Brothers led him to the Barrytown novitiate on February 14, 1954. The following May, he received the Religious Habit and the name, Brother Bernard Loreto. Six years later in 1960, he pronounced his perpetual vows in Barrytown.

His outgoing personality attracted many faithful friends to him along the way. His particular love for the Holy Land and his many experiences there gave rise to delightful stories he loved to share.

Brothers love to remember his tasteful decorating. Whether it was an entire house or simply a festive table, his creative touch revealed itself. Others recall his being appointed a film critic for the Legion of Decency in New York. His love for the theater and for New York City was no secret to anyone, nor was his close friendship with Gabe Moran.

We thank God for the gift of Brother Bernard to our Community for these fifty-nine years! We cherish the memory of his zest for life, his enthusiasm, and his joy! Let us continue to pray for his eternal peace!
“Is my faith still relevant?” From time to time, young believers of today find it difficult to be assured of the importance and relevance of their faith. For many young Catholics, though, doubt yielded to conviction at World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro.

The relevance of their faith was proven as 3 million young Catholics praised, prayed, shared, supported, and encouraged one another – people united from different languages, different continents, and different cultures. For nearly two weeks in July, our District of Eastern North America’s group of 13 – Brothers and Contacts (young men interested in learning more about the vocation of a religious Brother) shared in Eucharist, prayer, praise and worship, catechetical sessions, vocation promotion events, and cultural exchange with other pilgrims: young people, young and young-at-heart teachers, seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, students, discerners, priests, bishops, and the Pope.

It is noted that the World Youth Day experience, as a whole, is a powerful tool for vocation promotion. Because of the energy, the personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the sacraments and in each other, the witness of young priests and religious in attendance, and the witness of faith-filled youth, young Catholics consider more seriously a religious vocation. It was also a unique opportunity for our Contacts not only to live with Brothers for a period of time, encountering them in casual situations, but also being part of the Brothers’ prayer life and shared fraternity. In a very intentional way, young men who have expressed interest in learning more about what it means to be “Brother,” become part of a temporary Lasallian community.

What a blessing it was to share this experience with young men who are seriously discerning their vocation as Brothers of the Christian Schools – young men who are listening closely to the whisper of God in their hearts. Not only is our faith still relevant, but our unique vocation is still relevant, too. Young men continue to be interested in our life as consecrated religious men.

During our time in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis challenged us to GO, DO NOT BE AFRAID, AND SERVE. These words remain for each of us a daily challenge to bring the Gospel to the world. The theme of World Youth Day 2013 was Jesus’ mandate in the Gospel of Matthew: Go and make disciples of all nations. Our faith is still relevant; our vocation is still relevant. The real work begins now!
LA SALLE MANOR ★
SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO

During the summer months we have a BBQ on our outdoor patio to which friends are invited. There are eleven of our Brothers, seven Sisters of Service, two blood sister of the Congregation of Notre Dame, two Spiritan Fathers and one Redemptorist priest. Three of our residents are 99 years old while the rest are all over 75 years old. In addition to our outdoor BBQs we had a well attended tea party at the gazebo. Not far away is our bountiful garden that is cared for by Brother John Vella and our kitchen staff.

In July the Brother Visitor and his assistants came to the manor to have a meeting with representatives from Plante Moran Inc. and the Brothers. We discussed our preferences for the proposed move to another residence in 2015. Plante Moran has been engaged to find a suitable residence. The Brothers appreciated the opportunity to meet with them and allay our concerns.

Our annual retreat was facilitated by Father Rocky Girmard, OMI., a Canadian who is based in Texas. In addition to our own residents two other Sisters stayed with us and attended the retreat. The theme of the talks was, To Foster a Spirit of Prayer in order that we may be renewed with a new heart, a new spirit, a new mission.

DE LA SALLE HALL ★ LINCROFT, NJ

In August’s last glorious days, De La Salle Hall turned its vision to both past and future. For three days of retreat, the community, plus some CBA men, reflected on well-filled lives, with Sister Ann McCarthy, OSB, of Erie, Pennsylvania as facilitator. Achievement, joy, honor, regret and disappointment afforded substance to meditate and to share. Unhelpful admonitions about not living in the past got shelved. Had there been no past, there would be no present. The vision that thrilled once young men to seek the fellowship of St. La Salle still guides their lives. The community’s members, aware of religious life’s present situation and the existential challenge it faces, pray that the Institute’s vision will prosper in a needful world. The Community joins the Institute and its supporters in hearing the urgent cry of children everywhere to train their minds, nourish their souls and help people live together.

Visiting Brothers, in August alone over half a dozen, strengthened confidence in the Institute’s vision, bringing news of their schools and other ministries, the District’s lifeblood. Another joy came as men who, after many years of living formal brotherhood, pursued other ways of life and now come to visit friends, they have known all their lives. We want these members of our La Sallian family to know how much they mean to us.

Our many regular local friends and volunteers continued to join us. With such an array of friends, how can we not hope God will bless our endeavors? We end a glorious summer with this theme: the past giving life to the present and future. As a great English jurist said, “The old fields grow the new wheat.” Our community, inspired by its friends, stimulated by our courageous new Pope, continues as men of the past, present, and future. We aim to share the vision that inspired us and see it live on in those, Brothers and partners, who continue the noble mission.

LA SALLE HALL ★ AMMENDALE, MD

For all those at La Salle Hall, summer, 2013 passed by too quickly! It seems as if it were just a few weeks ago that they had their Memorial Day and Independence Day picnics! Now, even the Labor Day picnic is a memory! These gatherings bring together Brothers from local communities. There the delicious food, so wonderfully prepared by the Hall’s staff is equaled only by the lively conversations.

The Community also hosted a retirement celebration for Dr. Christine De Lima, the long time community physician. Dr. De Lima, an excellent care provider, will be sorely missed by all.

Trips to shopping malls, movies, a local casino, as well as a day trip to the Cape May area provided a change of scenery for a number of Brothers. In recent weeks, La Salle Hall has said farewell to a number of Brothers who have moved on to new assignments. Brother Gregorian McLaughlin has moved to De La Salle Hall, Lincroft, NJ. All those at the Hall will miss him and wish him much happiness in his new home.
DISTRICT OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN EXPANDS MISSION TO ST. VINCENT STAMBI HIGH SCHOOL IN BULL SAVANAH, JAMAICA, BEGINS

At the invitation of the Bishop of Mandeville, Jamaica West Indies and with the approve of the District of Eastern North American’s Mission Executive Council and District Council, the District has opened a community of two Brothers and a Lasallian Partner to offer leadership and teaching staff to St. Vincent Stambi High School.

(r-l) Brother Dennis Lee, Mr. John Ward, Brother James Wallace, Mr. Richard Ward, Brother Dennis Malloy, Brother Augustine Nicoletti, Mrs. Marion Ward, Mr. Alan Weyland at blessing and commission for Mr. Ward and Brothers Augustine and James before their departure to Jamaica.

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