

Two Lasallian Brothers Receive Awards at NCEA



Brother Kevin Strong and Brother Michael Collins

Brothers attending the award ceremony included, left to right, Milton Barker, Michael McKerney, Kevin Dalmasse, Robert Schieler, Kevin Strong, Kevin Stanton, Michael Collins, Benedict Oliver, and Carl Clayton (kneeling)

Brother Kevin Strong (Baltimore) and **Brother Michael Collins** (Midwest) were honored by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) at its annual convention in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 11, 2007. Brother Kevin received the *Michael Guerra Leadership Award* for his life long achievements in Catholic secondary education. He is presently president of Cardinal Gibbons High School in Baltimore, Maryland. Brother Michael received the *Catherine McNamee Award* for promoting a vision of Catholic education that welcomes and serves cultural and economic diversity. He is presently president of De La Salle High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Christian Brothers' 2007 Service Awards Dinner

The Christian Brothers

of the Baltimore District and the Philadelphia Lasallian Community invite you to sponsor the second annual Christian Brothers Service Awards Dinner, which will be held on **Saturday, October 13, 2007** at The Union League Of Philadelphia.

■ In the historic Lincoln Room, we will honor Brother Edward Gallagher, FSC, former teacher and administrator at La Salle College High School, West Catholic High School, St. John's College High School and St. Frances Academy for sixty years, along with thirteen other Brother Jubilarians celebrating 750 total years of dedicated service to Catholic education. This Black-Tie fundraising dinner benefits **The La Salle Academy** (a San Miguel School) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a subsidized, extended-day and year elementary school for boys and girls, conducted in the traditions of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

■ Black-Tie Preferred. \$250 Per Person. For Sponsorship Opportunities please contact the Development Office.

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Br. Edward Gallagher (60 years)
Br. Edward McGuire (60 years)

Br. Raymond Bronowicz (60 years)
Br. William Rahner (60 years)
Br. Raymond Murphy (50 years)
Br. James Rieck (50 years)
Br. Kenneth Cook (50 years)
Br. Joseph Dougherty (25 years)
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De La Salle in Towne, a Component of St. Gabriel's System

Like De La Salle Vocational School, which was featured in the winter issue of *De La Salle Today*, De La Salle in Towne grew out of a specific need. The realistic belief was that community-based day treatment was replacing the institutionalizing and "warehousing" of court-adjudicated youth.

True to its mission, St. Gabriel's was fostering self-esteem, socializing skills, and academic skills for its young men, but by the early 1970s, St. Gabriel's protective environment could be stretched only so far. A pattern was developing. A Brother remarked, "you wouldn't attempt to teach a kid how to swim outside of water." The youngsters, upon re-entry into their neighborhoods and local high schools, often mingled with their own friends and fell into the same behavioral habits which had landed them in St. Gabriel's in the first place.

The group homes were already helping selected young men to get their lives back in order and to socialize in a pseudo-family environment. A support system was needed, however, to maintain the disciplinary and educational gains made at St. Gabriel's and to extend them into a new locus for a larger number of youth so that they could reshape their mindsets and attitudes. Day treatment in a community-based environment was needed as a bridge between residential treatment and re-entry into the community.

Years of planning, overcoming countless obstacles and disappointments, seeking approval of local, state, archdiocesan and religious community authorities, securing a location and formulating a philosophy and a plan and program for Mission, resulted in the foundation in 1972 of De La Salle in



Delsit Grads: Graduates Fred P., Wayne C., and Marshall D. (from left to right) process into La Salle University's Dan Rodden Theater to receive their high school diplomas during De La Salle in Towne's January 2006 commencement ceremony.

Towne, a year-round community-based treatment center serving court-adjudicated male youth, ages 14 to 18.

Located in center city Philadelphia, De La Salle in Towne's main objectives are to: prevent further involvement of youth in the juvenile justice system; help youth accountable for their actions, develop victim empathy and take greater responsibility for the quality of life in their community; develop measurable competencies that help youth; and become more responsible and productive members of their communities.

The year-round program operates Monday through Friday and offers a variety of educational services, including a traditional high school diploma program, an alternative high school diploma program, special education, GED preparation, and food service vocational training.

Class size is small with a teacher to student ratio of 1:10. The school program is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The treatment component of the program includes individual, group and family counseling, social work services to the student and his family, drug and alcohol services, and a community service program. Counselors also work with students in School-to-School and School-to-Work Transition programs. An activities program provides opportunities for participation in intramural sports, cultural activities and entertainment.

De La Salle in Towne is a past recipient of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Community-Based Program of the Year Award.

Eastern FSC Provinces Plan Reorganization

For many in the corporate world, the word restructuring will evoke certain apprehensiveness if not outright fear. The image evoked is one of hostile takeovers, leveraged buy-outs, a zero-sum game of winners and losers. The creation of a lean corporate machine with fewer employees and restricted competition is often the name of the game. A lucky few will get that golden parachute; far more will simply face the unemployment queue.

In the Roman Catholic religious life of late, too, restructuring is much on people's mind. Motivated doubtless by the advancement in age of most religious congregations and the relative paucity of new vocations, many provinces of groups like the Sisters of Mercy, the Society of Jesus, the Irish Christian Brothers, and the Marianist Fathers and Brothers, are collapsing traditional walls that separated geographic regions of those congregations.

And so it is with the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Here in the Eastern part of the United States we have been divided into three provinces since the 1950s: New York, with schools in that city and state as well as Michigan and New Jersey; Long Island-New England, with ministries focused in Providence, RI and Brooklyn-Queens; and, of course, our own Baltimore Province. In addition, a small number of Brothers, recently welcomed into the New York Province, maintain a secondary school and infirmary in the Canadian Province of Ontario.

The Brothers of the three provinces have been in a process of increasing familiarity and sharing resources for perhaps a decade now. All three provinces have the opportunity to share a retreat calendar, other workshops, the fine elder care available in Lincroft, and the critical formation experiences for young Brothers at Jeremy House.

About a year ago, the Brothers decided to become more in-

tentional and direct with this process, to take the next step in faith, if you will. At last year's Holy Week retreat, the more than three hundred Brothers gathered voted overwhelmingly to become one. Since a more focused follow-up meeting of provincial leaders last November, we have engaged in a process of concrete planning. A steering committee meets to coordinate the efforts of five other groups with Brothers and partners expert in the areas of governance, finance, senior life, community, and mission and ministry. These committees are focused on proposing the structures and practices which will guide us into a future as one.

The entire purpose of the restructuring, let us be clear, was encapsulated at the Brothers' Fernwood gathering last Holy Week. We are engaging in this practice "for the maintenance, support, and enhancement of the Lasallian Mission in the Eastern USA and Ontario." As you would expect from us Brothers, we keep our schools as the central focus. By restructuring, we hope to be able to insure that the kinds of education you received is insured for a new generation of students, whether in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Providence, Detroit, or the Bronx.

As this first year of planning and reorganization continues, we ask for your prayers and support that our judgment may be true, our service to the students and their families generous and effective and the commitment to the mission St. La Salle and the Church have given us unwavering. The spirit of our Institute, as many of you know, is the Spirit of Faith. It is in that spirit, not one of fear or regret, that we go forward to refashion the Lasallian community in the East.

*Brother James Bulter, FSC
Assistant Provincial
and Project Coordinator*

Brother Edward McGuire Celebrates 60th Jubilee

Visions: What are the origins of your vocation as a Christian Brother?

Brother Ed: As I grew up in Mingo Junction, Ohio, my parents were good friends of Jack Means' parents and Jack Means was our family's baby sitter. Later, Jack became Brother Dominus Michael, so I became aware of the Christian Brothers. On our first trip to Ammendale we paid a visit to DeLaSalle College in Washington, DC. It was there that I met Brother Gabriel Poore and Brother Gadem Luke.

Visions: Are there any Brothers who had an impact on your life?

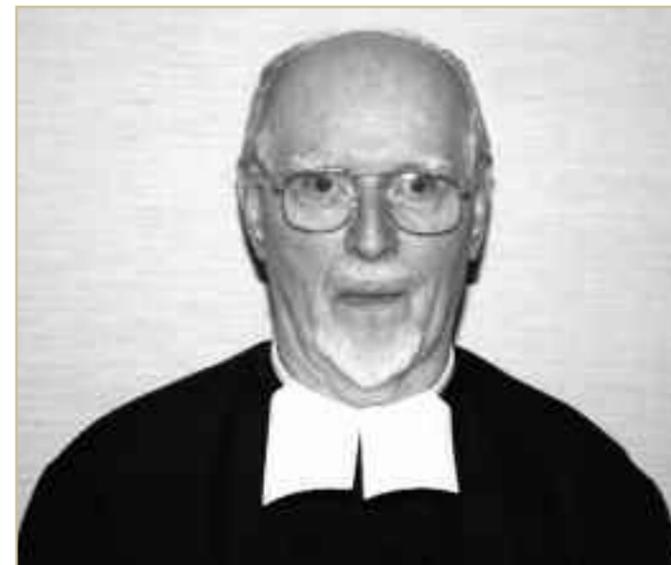
Brother Ed: During my years in the Junior Novitiate (high school), the Brothers made the greatest impact on me by the way they treated us "kids", and by the way they treated each other. The Brothers that had the most influence in making my choice to be a Brother were Brothers Henry Laffey, Edward Quinn, and Gabriel Poore.

Visions: What is your academic background?

Brother Ed: After the Novitiate, our education continued and intensified. First came a B.A. in Chemistry at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Then, summer courses on the graduate level was the general practice after we started teaching. In 1954, the Brothers opened Central Catholic, Canton, Ohio. At that time, our director of education asked me to develop my interest and skills in vocational areas that were needed in Canton. I spent four summers at Wisconsin-Stout University with a group of Brothers from the Baltimore and St. Louis provinces taking courses. Then, it was on to Kent State University for a Masters Degree in Education with a major in Industrial Arts. After that, I received a grant for a Masters Degree in Chemistry at Notre Dame University.

Visions: What subjects did you teach?

Brother Ed: My teaching career paralleled my education pattern closely, i.e., using my skills to satisfy the needs of the particular assignment. Chemistry at West Catholic in Philadelphia; science, math and industrial arts at Central Catholic in Canton, science and math at Bishop O'Connell in Arlington, Virginia, industrial arts and vocational education for sixteen years at St. Francis Vocational



Brother Edward McGuire

School and DeLaSalle Vocational School in Bensalem, PA. My last teaching was at Central Catholic in Pittsburgh, PA.

Visions: Did you moderate any sports or activities in your career as a teacher?

Brother Ed: An important part of our educational process is the sports and activities that the Brothers moderate. For me these included swimming, rifle club, varsity football and the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at different schools.

Visions: What are your favorite leisure activities?

Brother Ed: My own favorite leisure-time activities include digital photography, which can be manipulated and corrected on the computer. This fits with a life-long interest, finding out just how mechanical and electrical devices work. My mental "exercise" consists of extensive reading, solving puzzles such as cryptograms and Sudoku.

Visions: Any final words?

Brother Ed: I believe that the most important factor in the past sixty years as a Brother has been the spiritual, physical, and recreational interactions with my community and my family.



Brother Michael McGinniss offers his reflection on "Who are the 'giants' in the Baltimore Province upon whose shoulders we stand" as Brothers Richard Grezeskiewicz, Edward Gallagher, and Ernest Miller ponder.



Brother Malachy Broderick responds to the question, "What is the most significant period in the history of the Baltimore Province?"



Brother Patrick Phillips (Gabriel of Mary) celebrates his 90th birthday on March 17, the Feast of St. Patrick, with family who traveled from Florida and Michigan.



Former Calvert Hall students of Brother Pat, aka, "Sam Catchum" joined the Brothers, family members and friends at the Mass and celebration at La Salle Hall, Ammendale.

Saint La Salle Award Conferred Upon Dr. De Lima, MD

Proclamation of the LaSalle Hall Brothers

In a Mass celebrated by Reverend Daniel Kutys and Reverend John O'Hara on Saturday, February 24, 2007, in the De LaSalle Chapel, La Salle Hall, Ammendale, Brother Robert Schieler, FSC, Provincial presented the Saint La Salle Award to Dr. Christine De Lima, M.D.

"Dr. De Lima has unceasingly demonstrated her great affection and is a source of healing, faith, compassion and understanding to the Brothers. She not only uses her multiple talents to provide excellent thorough medical care and advice, she also takes a personal interest in and exhibits genuine concern for the Brothers who are her patients. Through her love and devotion, she nurtures the spiritual and psychological dimensions of the lives of the Brothers.

Her service to the Brothers is well above and beyond the normal level of care delivered today by medical professionals. She readily juggles her schedule to accommodate an office visit for a Brother and makes herself available for telephone consultations. In an age where house calls are virtually extinct, Dr. DeLima is always ready and willing to visit LaSalle Hall when Brothers would benefit from extra personal attention and care. Furthermore, it is not unusual for her to make hospital rounds and visit nursing homes on holidays. All of her visits at any location are uplifting as she graciously and generously gives her time and expertise for the physical and psychological health of the Brothers.

The author of Sirach counsels us to "give the doctor her place." The Brothers at LaSalle Hall, Ammendale, feel Dr. De Lima's place is among the awardees of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the Baltimore Province Saint LaSalle Award."



Brother Robert Schieler, Provincial, presents Dr. Christine De Lima, M.D. with the Saint LaSalle Award in the presence of her husband Ken.



Dr. De Lima and her husband join the Brothers from La Salle Hall, Ammendale, for a photo during the celebration.



The Annual Fund Drive provided funding for a converted 2007 Dodge Caravan to transport Brothers from La Salle Hall, Ammendale to medical appointments. Pictured left to right: Brothers Edward McGuire, Albert Schmidt, Patrick Power, Lewis Mullin, and Patrick Phillips.



Robin Shrader, R.N. joined the staff at La Salle Hall in 2006. Robin is responsible for the care of twenty-two Brothers who reside at Ammendale. In this photo, Robin takes the blood pressure of Brother Talbot Ramsbottom.



BROTHERS' VOCATIONS FLOURISH IN AFRICA

In mid-March 2007 I had the opportunity to live for two weeks with our Brothers in the Scholasticate in Nairobi, Kenya. Kenya is one of five countries in the Lwanga Province, the English-speaking African Province which also includes Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Africa. The Province, created in 1997, is named after St. Charles Lwanga, a Uganda martyr and patron of Catholic Youth. The six USA provinces are responsible for providing financial and personnel support for one of the youngest provinces in our worldwide religious congregation.

Student Brothers reside at De LaSalle Centre, a modern complex of buildings completed in 1999, that contains five two-story housing blocks for students and faculty, chapel, dining room, library, and recreation room, situated around an enclosed courtyard of trees, shrubs and flowers in a quiet neighborhood in the outskirts of the city. The mix of cultures enriches every aspect of community living. What a wonderful place to enjoy brotherhood with so many young men who are preparing to be teachers in their home countries!

The normal day begins at 6:00 AM with meditation in the chapel followed by Holy Mass. A simple breakfast of tea, coffee, bread and jam is served at 7:00 AM. The Student Brothers depart for school on foot or by bicycle for Christ the Teacher Institute of Education (CTIE), 1km down the dirt road.

Christ the Teacher Institute of Education is the Nairobi campus of St. Mary's University, Minnesota. Classes begin at 8:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM.

Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM is followed by supper at 7:00 PM. Supper consists of a portion of beef, chicken or fish stew with rice, beans or "ugali", a maize-flour porridge similar to polenta, and plenty of fresh vegetables and fruit. On Sunday an ethnic meal is prepared by the Brothers from their native country. After supper the Brothers return to their individual rooms, the library or the computer room for study. On Saturday and Sunday the Brothers are involved in all-day apostolic programs serving the poor youth in Nairobi.

There are thirty-one student Brothers, all in temporary vows, who follow courses at CTIE. Two Brothers are from South Africa, 15 from Kenya, 6 from Ethiopia, 3 from Eritrea, 1 from Madagascar, and 4 from Nigeria.

Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut (Midwest) is the Director of Scholastics. Brother Dennis Lee (LINE) assists him in the role of Sub-Director. Three Brothers

in Final Vows, who are pursuing degrees at Tangaza College and the Catholic University of East Africa, serve as Residence Hall Animators – Brothers Andemariam Michael (Eritrea), Godwin Biin (Nigeria), and Kassu Deress (Ethiopia). Marius Boya (Benin) and Pius Tizhe (Nigeria) are pursuing graduate degrees.

The other houses of formation in the Lwanga Province include the Novitiate, located nearby in the Karen area of Nairobi where Brothers Thomas Sullivan (Midwest), Director, and Josean Urrutia (Spain) are responsible for the religious formation of eleven novices. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is home to the Postulancy with Brothers James Thiongo (Kenya) as Director and LemLem Wolde (Ethiopia) as Sub-Director, guiding ten young men in the first stage of religious formation. Because of the political situation in Eritrea that restricts the travel of all young adult males, a parallel program of formation began there in 2004.

By Brother John McDonnel, FSC
Director of Development

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- If you want to locate a Brother—his present location is listed on the web
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