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### The First Lasallian Volunteers:

Dan Laskero, Gordon Hannon, John Garry, Michael Kosir, Lori Carraher, Vince Carraher, Michael Culligan (Director), Chris Sweeney and Jim Grogan

# 1989

Twenty years ago, the first hired director Mike Culligan was preparing his recruits for the first Lasallian Volunteers Orientation scheduled at La Salle Manor, Plano, IL in the summer of 1989. Even the first name of the program, *Lasallian Volunteers Movement*, suggested the beginning of something substantial.

Just one quick glance at those first recruits contrasts dramatically with the current group of Lasallian Volunteers.

Strengthened by our past, celebrating 20 years offers special opportunities to embrace the future with renewed hope and conviction.

This newsletter offers various ways for anyone in our circle to connect more deeply with Lasallian Volunteers mission of changing the world.

Our 20th year is a time for recognition. The world has been changed by almost 500 LVs and alums having served tens of thousands of youth and adults.

Children with high odds of drop out have been uniquely inspired and taught by LVs. They are now successfully placed into high schools, colleges and in the work force.

LV alums now carry the mission with them into caring professions within the Lasallian world and beyond.

Our 20th year is a time for gratitude toward all those who have served, mentored, and supported our growing program. It is a time for reminiscing and sharing stories wherever you are — stories of LVs, Brothers, students, clients and colleagues. It is a time for imagining the future unfolding for our movement and how we want to be connected to it.

As Saint La Salle hoped over 300 years ago (and in ways he could not have imagined), Lasallian Volunteers are changing the world, extending his mission to the poor today as well as enriching the Brothers and the Lasallian family.

We are a movement, and we are grateful to each of you for being part of it!

See more at [www.LasallianVolunteers.org/20years](http://www.LasallianVolunteers.org/20years)

# 2009





# The San Miguel Schools 16 Years of LV Prosperity

Jim Ruck, 95-96 and Amy Kalina, 08-09

Kids roaming the streets, falling prey to violence or criminal activity. Children with a wealth of untapped potential, feeling helpless and hopeless in the absence of a tangible escape from the cycle of poverty in which they grew up. If only these kids could be reached — to be given opportunities for education — in an environment structured to meet their individual needs.

This concern prompted Br. Lawrence Goyette in 1993 to open the first San Miguel School in Providence, RI. His leap of faith — strikingly similar to that of Saint John Baptist De La Salle three centuries ago — initiated a Miguel schools movement across the nation.

How was the formation of San Miguel Schools possible? The fourteen 5th- and 6th-grade boys in the school's first year were taught, administered, and shepherded personally by Br. Lawrence and two Lasallian Volunteers, Marisa Jozwiak and Licia Koch Robertson. As faculty, services, and the community expanded, Lasallian Volunteers continued to be integral partners at the school every year. The San Miguel School in Providence became a community dedicated to its mission of serving those most in need — all within a caring and supportive environment. The school's formula proved to be successful.

Among those once “roaming kids” of Providence, today there are many college graduates and success stories; including one NFL player and a social worker serving at a local Lasallian organization. Without The San Miguel School of Providence, odds are high that these young men would still be roaming and eventually someday at an impasse in life. And without the presence of the Brothers and Lasallian Volunteers working together at The San Miguel School of Providence, chances are that the new institution would not have made such a positive impact.

The spirit of San Miguel School in Providence quickly sparked Brothers elsewhere to take their own leap of faith, and open similar schools in Chicago, Camden, and in other cities across the country.

The explosion of San Miguel Schools addressed one of the early challenges cited by Mike Culligan (the first Lasallian Volunteers Director) of finding enough suitable volunteer placement sites directly serving the economic poor. Some would call the timing “providence.” As more San Miguels opened with similar staffing and support needs, the Lasallian Volunteers program was able to train and provide dedicated teachers to work in the missions. Today, half of all current LVs today serve in San Miguel Schools. In addition to their daily duties — from teaching and coaching to tutoring and filling

support roles — LVs at San Miguel Schools cultivate community among the students, which helps in creating a place where kids can feel secure and loved.

The mission of the schools is not to skim the best students, but to openly accept those who present risks, academic deficits or behavioral problems, and to help those who are in need of a safe and structured educational environment. It is in this climate that the children feel free to learn and thrive. For so many parents, San Miguel Schools have provided refuge in the face of challenge. For

countless children, the schools have provided opportunities for embracing potential and attaining a successful future. For more than a thousand families nationwide, San Miguel Schools have provided hope, and continue to grow and serve annually. And each step of the way, Lasallian Volunteers has been present — actively contributing to the success of San Miguel students and changing the world one child at a time.

Br. Lawrence's first steps resonate today in 15 San Miguel Schools across the nation, as well as within the expanded mission of the Lasallian Volunteers program. As the founder of the San Miguel Schools movement, Br. Lawrence holds the LV program and its service in high regard, acknowledging the many generous volunteers who have helped cultivate these schools by “touching the minds and hearts” of students entrusted to their care.

“I have met so many LVs who go above and beyond the call of duty to do whatever it takes to help their students — academically, spiritually and physically. It is one of the ways that I see the vision of St. La Salle continuing in our world today, and it is a sign of hope for me.”

Br. Lawrence Goyette, FSC  
Founder, San Miguel School of Providence

The beginning of 2009 ushered in not only the New Year, but also the 20th Anniversary of the Lasallian Volunteers! We are excited to reach this milestone and look forward to celebrating. This celebration has provided us with the opportunity to look back at our history and honor the people and events that have helped shape who we are today.

As you will see in the newsletter, we had a wonderful midyear retreat with the volunteers at St. Paul's School in Covington, LA. During this experience we were able to reconnect with a piece of our past.

Early on in the program's history, volunteers lived and served in New Orleans. This was a great way to reconnect with our roots and a wonderful opportunity for the volunteers to connect with the Brothers of the New Orleans/Sante Fe District.

## Director's Corner

We are investing quality time in commemorating our 20th anniversary and hope to provide a little something for everyone as we mark this special year and extend gratitude to all that have made it possible. Please continue to visit the website in the



coming weeks and months as we add to the historical information about the program, recognize many of the significant people in the life of the program and announce upcoming events or gatherings. We hope you will be able to celebrate this momentous time in the program's history with us!

*Alisa Macksey, 00-02, Director*

## Thank You! FOR YOUR HELP IN OUR MISSION

As Lasallian Volunteers grow in ministering to youth and adults caught in today's tragedies, we want to thank all of you who make Lasallian Volunteers service possible. LVs and alum, parents and relatives, Brothers and friends, funders and partners, THANK YOU for participating in this circle for good.

Your prayers, promotion of the program, and encouragement to the volunteers undergirds LV ministry against overwhelming odds in America's forgotten neighborhoods.

Your financial support promises continued growth of their ministry.

We are grateful for the past 20 years and with your involvement we will follow the Lord's lead into the next 20.

## CAN YOU SPARE A \$20?



Times are tough. The market is up and down every day. Banks are teetering and housing prices are slumping. But nowhere can this be felt more than in the tough neighborhoods where our LVs serve. In our 20th year, we're asking for your 20s. **Could be once, could be once a month, could be once a week...even once a day!** But those 20s will add up. Soon, with your continued support this year, we will be one step closer in our efforts to fullfill more site placements in America.

**To give 20, visit [www.Lasallian Volunteers.org/Donate](http://www.LasallianVolunteers.org/Donate) today!**

The logo for 'The Wall of Memories' features a stylized brick wall above the text. 'THE WALL' is in blue, 'of' is in orange, and 'Memories' is in orange.

In it's 20th years, share your own and read other memories about the program today  
[www.LasallianVolunteers.org/20years](http://www.LasallianVolunteers.org/20years)



## Sharing the Lasallian Mission for over 20 Years

Br. Stephen McCabe, Christian Brothers Academy, Syracuse, NY

According to the Brothers' Rule, the Lasallian mission is the human and Christian education of youth, especially poor youth. In an attempt to explain the Lasallian mission further, Brother John Johnston describes our mission as making the loving and saving presence of Jesus Christ a visible and effective reality in the lives of the young.

According to Brother Luke Salm, mission (or being sent) in the Christian and theological sense, is rooted in the mission whereby God so loved the world that he sent his only son so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus Christ, in turn, told his disciples that "as the father has sent me, so I also send you." If mission means being sent by God, this implies that persons are being sent, namely, the Lasallian educators. And those entrusted with the mission are being sent to contribute to God's plan in a specific way, by providing a human and Christian education in the schools.

De La Salle was convinced that God had called him to establish the schools as part of God's plan for the abandoned street children. The function of the teachers would be to represent Christ to the students, so that they would learn from the teachers' example what it means to encounter the living Christ. From that perspective, teaching in a Christian school would be more than a job — more even than a profession, but a call to mission.

In his Meditations for the Time of Retreat, John Baptist De La Salle pushes his language to the outer edges of orthodoxy when he tells the teachers, "You are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ," and even more boldly, "The Church, whose ministers you are, commissions you," and more boldly still, "you are the successors of the apostles in their task of teaching the poor...thank God for the grace he has given you in the work of sharing in the ministry of the great Bishops of the Church."

De La Salle was enough of a theologian not to identify the teaching ministry of the classroom with that of the Bishop, but he does come awfully close.

Our founder wanted Lasallian educators to be totally immersed in the life of the students — sharing their interests, their worries, and their hopes. He expected the students to see in their teachers concerned adults who would know them by name, who would help them to see themselves in their dignity as children of God, and from whom they might have their first proof of God's love for them. Whether or not this or that teacher really cares for them is something students discover soon enough. On that perception depends the ultimate success or failure of teaching as a mission.

### The Spectrum of the Lasallian Mission

Br. George Van Grieken, FSC

Once someone is truly touched by the Lasallian Mission, they want to become part of it. And some want to bring that mission into the center of their lives.



Br. George (right) and LV friend Ron Turner

These are the ones who are drawn to a Lasallian vocation — a Lasallian Volunteer, a Brother, a Lasallian educator, or the like. For them, the educational movement and spirituality that we call "Lasallian" is what they wish to be about. It becomes their passion, their frustrations and joys, their duty undertaken with sober enthusiasm.

When I speak to others about the vocation of the Brothers, I always include the entire spectrum of Lasallian vocations. A Brother's vocation is part of a rich spectrum of Lasallian vocations, a variety of colors and intensities and contexts, all of which together allow that "touching of hearts" which began the process in the first place.

# Br. Pat Power: Giver & Receiver

Jim Ruck, 95-96, Director of Development

“What impressed me most was how the volunteers were able to gain the confidence of their students and share their personal stories. They described clearly the great need of their work and how well they are fulfilling it.”

Br. Pat Power, 08-09

The economy (measured by stock market or unemployment statistics), news of urban violence, and tragedies that boggle our imagination, can all spread such a cloud of negativity and depression.

But participating in the Lasallian circle of ministry restores Gospel clarity and hope. The focus is on reaching out to those in the greatest need, trusting with conviction that God is present, and finding support in a community of shared vision, mission and spirit.

In his day, Saint La Salle faced crises of every sort. Famine. Rejection. Persecution. He faced this all while sharpening the Spirit of Faith, which he passed along to the Brothers — and through them — to LVs and beyond.

What have we to fear?

I can think of no better embodiment of the Spirit of Faith than Br. Patrick Power.

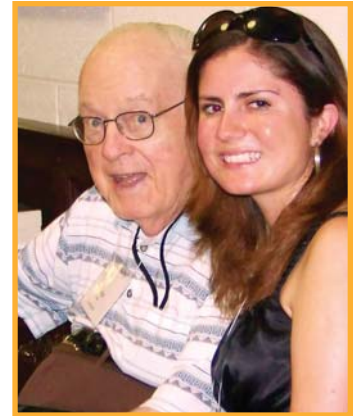
The oldest Brother in the United States and one of the youngest in spirit, Br. Pat is a longtime friend and supporter of Lasallian Volunteers.

Graduating from high school and entering the Brothers in 1931, Br. Pat taught throughout the Baltimore District, ministered to elderly Brothers, and “retired” into ministry in hospitals and in the local jail.

Throughout his life, Br. Pat has radiated the Lasallian spirit of hope. He demonstrates a persistently positive attitude and delight in life.

With boundless energy, he has always been stretching beyond the limits.

Pat has been more than just “Power” in name. He has been a power in action — the power of giving care. For most of his life, it was to the boys in class, then elderly in hospitals and offenders in the local jail. His difficulties and hardships through life during the Great Depression only inspired him to give more and to develop a delight in life that is his hallmark today. At age 96, this power of giving care has grown into a Power to receive care from all of us. We thank you, Pat, for being so hopeful about the future!



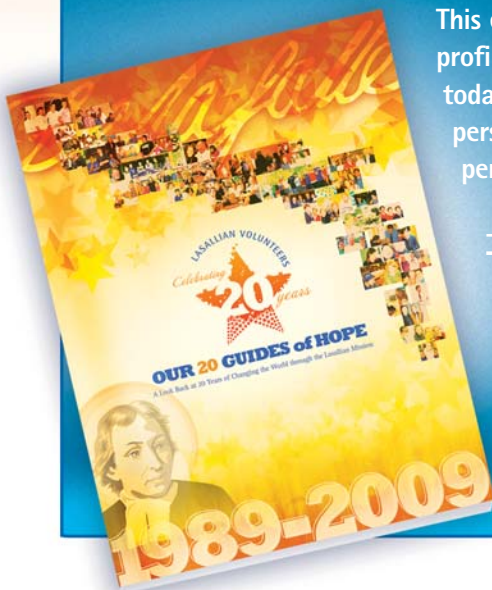
Br. Pat Power and Connie Hernandez, 08-09

## COMMEMORATING 20 YEARS

This exciting memory book — coming to you summer 2009 — will profile 20 people and groups who have shaped Lasallian Volunteers today. Filled with historical information on the program and perspectives not yet seen, the “20 Guides of Hope” will be the perfect way to celebrate highlights of this growing movement.

### Take Part in this Worthy Commemoration!

Contact us today to reserve your sponsorship ad today. Ads are perfect for giving thanks, commemorating, and honoring LVs, Brothers and all those involved with the program. Display your message next to a fellow spotlighted Lasallian Volunteers supporter, or simply reserve your space in the book to give thanks. Ads starting at just \$150.



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# Steps of Faith Led the Way

Joe Kolar, 07-09, St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, MD  
Zac Ufnar, 07-09, San Miguel School, Tulsa, OK



Heading into mile 22 of the Philly marathon

**“We took the step of faith in committing to something which did not seem possible.”**

**L**Vs Run Philly '08 weekend began as many Lasallian functions do: remembering that we are in the holy presence of God. The night before the race, runners and supporters gathered for mass in Manayunk, PA at St. Mary of the Assumption. It was a time to reflect on the purpose of the weekend, to celebrate life through community, fellowship, and running. We were all inspired for the run by a rousing rendition of “How Can I Keep from Singing?” entitled “How Can I Keep from Running?”

After mass, everyone proceeded to the parish center for a delicious, carb-intensive spaghetti feast. It was there that the Lasallian Volunteers staff recognized the event's supporters and proudly announced that the LV's goal of raising \$56,000 was reached and donations were still coming in.

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the Christian Brothers Spiritual Center Community everyone had a comfortable place to catch some much-needed shuteye. The weekend could never have been a success without their support and care.

Waking up before dawn, everyone grabbed a bite to eat and headed out to catch a ride to the starting line. The morning of the races was cold. The temperature hovered around

freezing and this kept many runners bundled up with several layers of clothing. Thank goodness for the yellow race shirts, otherwise it would have been hard to recognize everyone.

Among our 76 runners were 40 LVs were: 13 alums, 4 Brothers, and 13 friends. At 7AM, the Marathon and Half Marathon began. Fifteen minutes later the 8K began.

Throughout the races, runners were enthusiastically cheered on by supporters. We had runners in each race, and all participants completed what they had set out to do.

As two second-year volunteers — soon to be exiting the program — this race served as a capstone to our experiences as Lasallian Volunteers. It was a tangible success for many of the volunteers, something not always encountered at our sites. The race reinforced everything we had learned from this program. We took an active part in sustaining the service we do by raising the funds to provide it. We were able to accomplish our goals by supporting each other during training and while running the race. We took the step of faith in committing to something which did not seem possible. We all discovered anew the powerful truth of St. La Salle's mission — *the impossible becomes possible when we become committed to something greater than ourselves.*

## Parents' Perspective

Sue and Rick Larson (parents of Megan, 08-09, Martin De Porres High School, Queens, NY)

“I Survived Philly” was the t-shirt slogan for the LV Run in Philadelphia; little did we know we would indeed have to survive unseasonably cold weather as spectators of the 2008 event. Temperatures hovered in the low 20's as 40 Lasallian Volunteers (as well as a parent, 4 Christian Brothers and many other friends) lined up for the Philadelphia Marathon, the Half Marathon and the 8K Run. But the freezing temperatures were quickly thawed by the warm reception we received from the LV Community.

As parents of first year volunteer Megan Larson we were excited to see our daughter run her first half-marathon, but also anxious to see if Megan was comfortable and happy with the LV commitment she had made. We arrived at the Christian Brothers Spiritual Center in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia in time for the traditional pre-race pasta party, where we were introduced to many of the LVs and Christian Brothers. This event felt like a family gathering, and we could immediately see that Megan was adjusting well to life as a

Lasallian Volunteer. Early Sunday morning we boarded vans for the ride to Downtown Philly. At 5:00 AM some of the racers were chatty while others were quietly contemplating the five, thirteen, or twenty-six miles ahead of them. A predawn group photo on the “Rocky Steps” was soon followed by an impromptu “countdown” to start the race (the cold temps caused the air horn to freeze up). We cheered on the runners at the six mile mark and then made our way back to see Megan cross the finish line. She was exhausted, but thrilled, to accomplish her goal after months of training. The same is true for all the LVs who “survived Philly”.

From Philly, we went on to Megan's community in Freeport, NY, followed by Thanksgiving in Pawtucket. After spending a week with these communities, any concerns we may have had were melted away. We couldn't be happier for Megan, and we couldn't be more proud of her.



Rick, Megan and Sue Larson



Back L-R: Kiera Maguire, Nichelle Ingram, Alina Rivas, Liz Limones, Connie Hernandez Front: Thais Hunter

# Midyear Reflection

Inspired through Sharing, Prayers and Music

Claire Johnson, 07-09, St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, MD

Have you ever noticed how much music you hear every day? Honestly, I love it, and so must Br. Bud Knight the leader of this year's Lasallian Volunteer Midyear Retreat. He asked each of us to bring a theme song that represented where we were in our ministry halfway through the year. As we came together that first night from all parts of the country and shared our songs, I thought it captured perfectly everything the Midyear Retreat is about. Just like our experiences, some of our songs were profound and others were comical. Some were classics and others were songs some had never heard. They all were insightful and each gave a glimpse into what my fellow volunteers had experienced.

Music continued to be a theme all weekend, which was fitting since our retreat was in New Orleans, a city rich in musical tradition. The city itself was another thing that made the weekend so wonderful. Though it was the coldest weekend of the year across the country, you couldn't tell in New Orleans. From the moment we arrived, we were welcomed with open arms. Lasallian Volunteer families provided us with delicious meals and countless stories about the culture and history of their beloved city. The staff, students and families of St. Paul's in Covington, LA (our hosts) were equally generous with their time and hospitality. They made sure we were taken care of and well fed. I have to say Jambalaya is one of my new favorite dishes, although it'll probably never be as good as what we were served by the Mother's and Father's Clubs of St. Paul's.

Not only were we well fed physically, but also spiritually. The heart of the weekend was spent listening to and sharing each other's stories and experiences. We heard about highs and lows, struggles and little victories. I learned about the work other volunteers did day after day and what gets them up each morning to keep doing it. Not only did I come away from the weekend rejuvenated about my ministry, but I was reminded how many people there are truly living St. La Salle's mission.

My Midyear Retreat experience this year was very rewarding. It was a chance for all the volunteers to be together eating, praying and playing – all accompanied by great music. We had a 'Midyear Soundtrack' which included a little opera, country and rock music. A band of students from St. Paul's performed for us, and we heard all kinds of music at a piano bar in the French Quarter. Inspired by one another's theme songs, we left New Orleans ready for the second half of the year. And as the 80s rock band Poison so eloquently put it in my theme song, 'Every rose has its thorn....,' so too did our Midyear Retreat have its thorn – that it had to end.

# LV DISCERNMENT WEEKENDS

Br. Larry Schatz

"Together and by association" is a very familiar phrase to most Lasallians. I experienced the reality of that phrase during three weekends in March as part of a team directing discernment retreats for the Lasallian Volunteers. A year ago the LV staff had asked the members of the Regional Vocation Formation Board about the possibility of sponsoring a retreat to help LVs discern their next steps in life. We agreed and the team of four consisted of Marilyn Paquette (San Francisco), Brothers Ed Hofmann (Baltimore), Joe Jozwiak (New York), and myself (Midwest). We spent several conference calls planning the retreat and we all committed to being present at all three weekends.

From the positive feedback we received from our first weekend on the East Coast, it seemed that we were on the right track, and that both the volunteers and we really enjoyed the fact that there were four of us working together — each with a different style and approach.

For me, it was a great opportunity to get to know a wonderful group of young adults who add so much to our Lasallian ministries throughout the country. I really enjoyed the variety of personalities and backgrounds, and how our time together was filled with what seemed just the right balance of prayer, reflection, sharing and down time.

It was also a real blessing to work with my three colleagues on the retreat and to witness how the gifts and talents that each of us has played out as the weekend unfolded. Doing all three retreats during Lent also added a special dimension to the experience. While this commitment meant lots of time in airports, planes, and rental cars, it also reaffirmed the power in being and working "together and by association."



Br. Larry Schatz at the East Coast Discernment Weekend Retreat.

Lasallian Volunteers invites you to join us in celebration of our 20th year. With the help of so many LVs, Brothers, family, friends and donors over the past two decades, we all arrive at this momentous occasion encouraging the harvest and rejoicing of all the generous services Lasallian Volunteers has to offer. The 20th year Harvest Reunion is an ideal time for all to come together in jubilation – in feast and fellowship – preparing for bountiful growth in the next 20 years and beyond.



Visit [www.lasallianvolunteers.org/20years](http://www.lasallianvolunteers.org/20years)

## Alumni Notes

What's everybody up to?

### ATTENTION ALUMNI, FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Join us at the Harvest Reunion in celebrating 20 years. Bring your family and friends, old photos, memories and other memorabilia.

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**John Garry** (89-92, *La Salle Academy, New York, NY*) and wife Sally are living in Austin, MN and have two children (Rose 3, Tom 1). John is the Executive Director of the Development Corporation of Austin, an economic development nonprofit serving Austin and Mower County. John can't believe that it has been 20 years since he started to prepare to teach in New York City.

**Wendi (Wrinkle)** and **Bill Boselli** (94-95, *Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY; La Salle Academy, NY*) announce that Sofia and Jake have a new baby brother! They are very excited and have already tried to put a football helmet on him. Jackson was born on December 22nd at 8:25 AM. He was born weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz's. He was about 21 inches long. Except for being a bit tired, Jackson and Wendi are doing well.

**Deb Carlson Doom** (95-97, *Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY*) is pregnant. In early August, daughter Izzy will have a baby brother or sister. They're getting excited! Also, husband Chad finished his LPN and started working as a nurse at Indian Health Services in Red Lake, MN.

**Kristin (Van Woerkum) McDowell** (96-97, *St. Gabriel School, East Elmhurst, NY*) and husband Rick McDowell just welcomed their first child Kaitlyn Adriana into the world on January 29, 2009.

**Cristina Whitenburg** (99-01, *Holy Name School, NY, NY and Lasallian Tutors Program, Kansas City, MO*) is getting married to Sam Romano on July 18, 2009 in Dublin, CA. She and Sam live in Oakland, CA.

**Melissa (Lindquis) Gattoc** (01-03, *St. Stephen's Academy, Kansas City, MO*) married Edward Gattoc in Oahu, Hawaii, at Waimanalo Beach. Ed and she met about 5 years ago when they were both Aircraft Mechanics for American Eagle Airlines in Bangor, Maine. They now work at Southwest Airlines in Maintenance and live in

Eules, Texas. Without a strong Lasallian presence in the South, Melissa's connections are weak. Instead, she has been working with her church family to develop a couples ministry and young adult ministry.

**Rita Garcia** (02-04, *Migrant Farmworkers Program, Kansas City, MO and Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY*) and husband Adan announce that Julian Emilio was born on October 10, 2008. Anabel Irene has proven to be a great big sister and is anxious for her little bro to be able to play!

**John Kilty** (03-05, *De Marillac Academy, San Francisco, CA*) graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in December earning his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) along with a Certificate in Taxation Law. John is currently working on his Master of Laws (LLM) in Taxation Law. Although John resides in San Francisco, he still remains a die-hard Phillies fan and is elated the Phillies won the World Series in October.

**Mary Scheuermann** (03-04 *LEO Center, Oakland, CA*) was accepted to Washington University's MSW program and will be leaving her position with the Response-Ability Volunteers this summer and heading out to the Midwest for a few years. She is really looking forward to this new path.

**Geoffrey Henggeler** (04-05, *St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, MD*) married on Nov. 29, 2008. He and Jen are living in KC, MO and enjoying their life together!

**Maureen Krause** (04-06, *Bishop Laughlin High School, Brooklyn, NY*) will marry Marc Brown, a photographer and videographer, in April at Assumption Catholic Church, Houston, TX.

**Andrew Brandt** (04-06, *St. Stephen's Academy, Kansas City, MO*) married Angela Rossini in August, 2008. Both are Totino-Grace grads. Andrew continues to teach at San Miguel and lives in the northern suburbs of Minneapolis.

**Timothy Fehringer** (05-07, *St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, MD*) would like to share that after being bombarded by the family to move back to the "good life" in Nebraska, it took him about 27.4 seconds to realize that he was not ready to milk cows and cut hay quite yet. As a result, he moved to the "ugliest, most retched place on earth," Moraga, CA. Tim reports that "the weather is awful, the crime is horrific and the people are noticeably happy." He is in the leadership program at St. Mary's, living in the undergraduate Lasallian Community and posing as a replacement teacher at the De La Salle, Concord HS, where "subbing is a slice of humble pie."

**Jennifer Longo** (05-06, *Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY*) graduated from the University of Memphis law school this past December, took the Alabama and Tennessee bar exams in February and is waiting on results. She was married Saturday, March 21 to her boyfriend of five years (Lee Allen) and will be moving to Huntsville, Alabama.

**Joe Kilmade** (06-08, *San Miguel School, Tulsa, OK*) has been named Principal of the new Nativity Preparatory Academy located in Rochester, NY. It will open with 50 students total in 5th and 6th grade and be co-institutional (separate classes of boys and girls). A new 5th grade will be added each year with a capacity of 100 in grades 5-8. It is co-sponsored by the Jesuits and the Sisters of St. Joseph. In addition, Joe will marry Jess Mattys on June 12 and finish classes at Notre Dame before moving to Rochester. Joe attributes much of his recent success to the formation he received with the LVs. Without them, "I'd be unattached, unmotivated, and unemployed."

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**Not Pictured:** Marty Wolesky, Br. Ed Phelan, Jennifer Nash, Jim Ruck

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The Lasallian Volunteer Program of the USA/Toronto Region of the De La Salle Christian Brothers provides dedicated, well-trained volunteers for one or more years of service to schools and agencies of the Brothers whose mission is to serve the poor. Acting out of Faith, rooted in the Gospel, and sharing community with the Brothers and other Lasallians, the Volunteers empower the poor by personalized service primarily through education. Lasallian Volunteers change the world for the better and discover themselves transformed in the process.

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