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Young Lasallians and Brothers Meet at Lasallian Community Workshop II



(l-r) Front: John Garry,* Amy (Sullivan) Ricker,* Jen (Solz) Blake,* Karin McClelland-Anderer,* Maureen McNulty,* Carrie Caine,* Sarah DeMarco.* 1st Row Standing: Deana Venturi,* Tad Smith,* Vince Goeddeke* and child, Christi (Crowe) Wolesky* and Andrew, Kate (Sullivan) Geoddeke,* Tom Basquill,* Pete Amann,* Bro. Michael Farrell, Kristen Corbal,* Sr. Ruth Schaaf, Gayle McMenamy, Jolleen Wagner.** 2nd Row: Bro. Michael McLaughlin, Bro. Ed Phalen, Marty Wolesky,* David Devine,* Chris Giangregorio,* Andrew Brandt,** Bro. Larry Schatz, Bro. Michael Kadow, Bro. James Joost, Bro. Charles Kitson, Susan (Vaughan) Fier,* Bro. Lawrence Goyette, Jon Fier, Bro. Robert Walsh. Back Row: Bro. Dale Mooney, Bro. Louis Rodemann, Vicki Kline,** Andrew Blake,* Colleen Bourque,* Rosa Kadera-Redmond,* Kathy Donahue, Annemarie (Booth) Phelps,* Travis Phelps.* *Alum **Current LV

Since the inception of the Lasallian Volunteer Program, 350 graduates of Lasallian colleges and many other institutions of higher education have been joining communities of the De La Salle Christian Brothers for at least a year. In more recent years, we have seen a remarkable increase in the number of Lasallian Volunteers and other young Lasallians committing to a Lasallian Community for multiple years. They commit to service for the poor by way of education and discover and come to appreciate that living in a shared Lasallian community provides the support necessary to meet the demanding needs of those entrusted to their care.

Recently, 21 former and current Lasallian Volunteers came together from across the United States with 10 Brothers for a weekend of reflection on community living at the Totino-Grace High School Retreat Center in Fridley, MN. Some 15 communities throughout the Region were represented. They shared the different variations of community they have experienced and called for creativity in developing new forms of community life for the mission. Some are raising families, others

are in professional university programs but all want to continue to live Lasallian community for the mission. They are examples of what Bro Robert Conte calls "Narrative Identity" in MEL #25. In other words, their life experience over many years has formed their Lasallian identity.

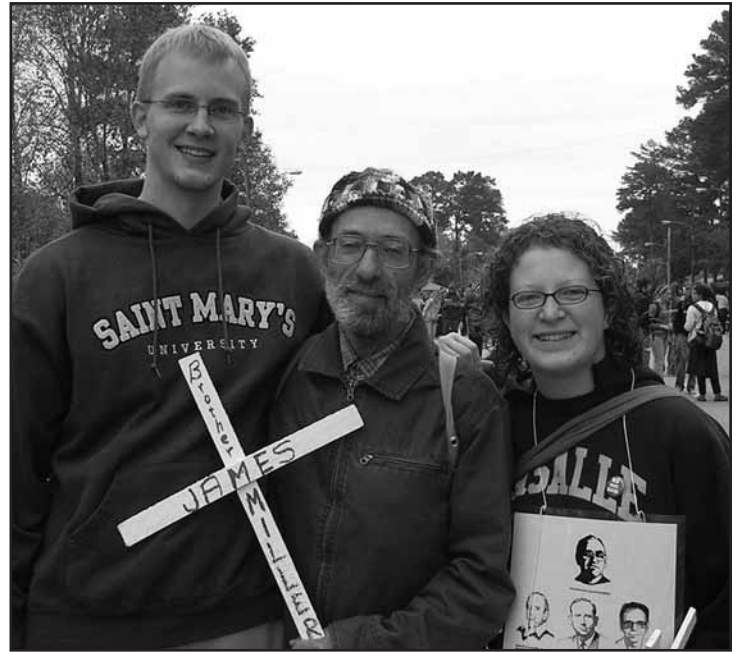
Two dozen more alums, spouses and Brothers plus 12 more children came for a Friday evening celebratory social honoring the past and beckoning a new future. Six married LV Alum couples with six children were part of the mix. Renewing old friendships, sharing stories, celebrating new births while enjoying the hospitality of the Totino-Grace High School family all added up to abundant enthusiasm for the LV future.

The group recognized that little by little and in various ways that they developed their Lasallian Vocation for communion, consecration, and mission. At the end of the meeting, which coincided with the mid-point of the special CIL (an international formation program) session in Rome entitled "Being Brother Today" one Brother summarized the weekend discussion about identity with the phrase: "Being Brother Today Ain't Just About Brothers".

The Education of My Heart

Vicki Kline (05-07)
Holy Family Catholic Worker
Holy Family Community
Kansas City, MO

This past December marked the 25th anniversary of the deaths of four North American churchwomen martyred in El Salvador. Jean Donovan, Ita Ford, Maura Clark, and Dorothy Kazel were three religious sisters and a lay missionary living and working among the people of Central America. They were women devoted to the call of the Gospels to be about the poor and the vulnerable, to speak about their needs, to stand against injustice, and to give their lives in service of God's people. They were tortured for their vision and murdered for their advocacy.



(l-r) LV Derek Nelson, Bro. Louis Rodemann, LV Vicki Kline

conditioned to believe that a strong faith in our government should supercede our faith in the truth of the human spirit; that the work our government does in our name should be valued more than our faith in a God who transcends religious or political boundaries. We have come to justify violence as necessary for our survival; to justify torture as an effective means of interrogation; to justify cheap labor as necessary for our comfort; to justify stand-alone charity; to justify our discriminatory and cruel public policy as economic frugality; to justify our approaches to foreign policy as sound homeland security.

In mid-November of this year, our community ventured southeast to stand at the gates of Fort Benning in Columbus, GA, home of the School of the Americas. We traveled 15 hours to join thousands of other people of conscience and peace, to begin to speak out against the justification of using brutality and violence in our relationships with other countries, and in many defenseless communities. We called for an end to the use of torture information in the school's educational programs, and for the closure of the school itself.

Not too long after the march on the gates of Fort Benning, where we peacefully gathered to send our voices and prayers of hope over the fence and into the hearts of those teaching and being taught how to torture and act with hatred and violence, I participated in a prayer service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the four churchwomen. The speaker at the event was a woman named Sister Dianna Ortiz, an Ursuline sister who was abducted, raped, and brutally tortured in Guatemala in 1989. Her story, as she reminds all with whom she shares it, is just one example of the multitudes of stories of people who are subjected to the violence of torture. She is a rare witness, she reminds her listeners, as most people held in the places where she was held never return from their captivity. Now, after 15 years of learning how to restore her faith in herself and in humanity, she is able to muster the strength and courage to speak on behalf of the people who never made it out of the clandestine prison in which they were held in cells alongside her. She was a teacher, a North

“Their commitment and bravery helped me to realize exactly why I came to Columbus, GA this particular weekend and why I am volunteering this year: to educate myself about the systems that continue to oppress the poor, and to attempt to do something about them... to be a voice for the voiceless, an advocate for those who have none.”

Derek Nelson (05-06)
Holy Family Catholic Worker
Holy Family Community
Kansas City, MO

The stories of these four women are but a fragment of the countless victims of violence, hatred, greed, and lust for power throughout Central America and Mexico, and in too many other parts of the world. Their love for the people of El Salvador and their commitment to working with the communities into which they were welcomed, led them to realize the urgency of their staying in a country torn apart by violence and death. Innumerable people in the last fifty years have

been abducted, brutally tortured in secret prisons, thrown into mass graves, systematically raped, and oftentimes murdered. Their stories are seldom told, and most especially in our own country; their witness to the capacity of human beings to express brutality often ignored and invalidated. The chilling truth of the murders of these women, massacres of entire villages, and the torture and murders of men, women and children throughout Latin America is that our government has and continues to play a vital role in the creation, support, and cover-up of these human rights atrocities.

Indeed, despite the recent increase in public discussion about torture and our nation's role in it – our government's condoning of it – our society still continues on in either denial or silent acceptance of torture as a viable defense tactic. Our nation has become conditioned to violence; we've accepted it as necessary for our achievement and security. Generation after generation, we are



(l-r) front: Bro Ed Phelan, Bro. Bill Fecteau, Br. Joe Reilly; back: Jonathan Dackow, Clare Petroski, Jennifer Longo, Elisa Bresba

Two Charisms, One Gospel

Elisa Bresba

Loretto Volunteer (NGO, United Nations)

Lasallian Community at Bedford Park

Bronx, NY

I have to admit that, as I was applying to become a Loretto Volunteer, when I learned that I was going to live with Lasallian Brothers and volunteers, I had some trepidation. It was not enough to prevent me from joining the program, nor even serious enough to make me visit and check out the Lasallian accommodations before I moved in (although I lived only two hours away). I have not worried about living with a religious community; I had lived with Good Shepherd Sisters last year. Well, perhaps I was a little worried. Last year I had lived in a convent, but since the volunteers had their own apartment, it was more above than with the Sisters. This year, I would be living side by side with the Brothers, sharing accommodations, meals, and chores. How religious were these religious going to be? I grew up in a pretty traditional Catholic family, but I am at a point in my life when I am questioning my traditions and values. What do I believe versus what was I taught to believe? Would my questions, doubts and fears be accepted in a community where Brothers might assume these questions of faith had already been solved? Not only were these questions and inquiries welcomed, but often I am most challenged by the Brothers themselves! When I tell friends that I live with Brothers, they tend to think that the Brothers are much too holy and spiritual to be any fun. Clearly they have never met these Brothers — who are quite entertaining!

But my largest concern was really the fact that I was the only one in my community who was not Lasallian. The Lasallian volunteers would be having their orientation all together in order to get to know each other and bond. For two of them, it would be their second year volunteering in this program, and for one of them, this was her second year living in this very same house! After orientation, they would join and live with the Brothers for a month before I even entered the picture; a month to form bonds, create friendships and settle into a community. How would I fit in after they had all this time together?

Unfortunately, I had a bit of a slow start getting connected to my new housemates. I missed the very first community meeting, because I had to attend a meeting introducing me to the world of

the United Nations. So as they dealt with community issues, I was learning how to deal with international issues. As in joining any new group, it did take me some time to feel at ease with my new “family,” even though they tried to make me feel a part of the group.

Having been a Loretto Volunteer, a Good Shepherd Volunteer, currently living with Lasallians and having Jesuit and other volunteers among my family and friends, I can say that all these volunteer programs have much more in common than they do in differences. Perhaps some focus more on education, others on the environment or on health or on women’s issues, but they all exist to serve the poor. We all struggle to help the poor, the young, the disenfranchised, the sick, the homeless, the lonely, the abandoned — those rejected and considered the least in our society. Our mission statements officially are different — mine, as a Loretto volunteer, states that I “work for justice and act for peace” while the Lasallians give a “human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor.” But we all have the same mission of Christ to love one another and help those most in need. We are simply called to do his work in different ways.

And what better opportunity could I have to learn advocacy and direct service to be both supported and challenged, than living in a mixed community — both Lasallian and Loretto. In my work I see the unequal structure that is in the very fabric of our international system, while my roommates work with adults and children who are affected by inequalities in their day-to-day lives.

The main difference between living in a community of only Good Shepherd volunteers last year and this year living in a mixed community of Lasallian and Loretto, is the sheer size of the group. For the largest part of last year, I lived in a community of two. Having time alone was very simple. If I needed my own space, I just left the room.! Now, I live in a community of seven. But this is one of the very reasons I wanted to live with the Lasallians: I wanted a larger community. With a larger community comes less alone time, more compromising, more chances of conflict, but also more diverse perspectives, more laughter, more discussions, different traditions and cooking styles and opinions. For everything that is lost — such as having more time in control of the TV remote — so much more is gained with this large community.

One sign of how we have tried to incorporate these two traditions happens in our Morning Prayer. We end it with both the Loretto traditional prayer, “We give you glory thanks and praise, O bless our works and guide our ways,” as well as the Lasallian, “Saint John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us. Live, Jesus, in our hearts. Forever.”

My biggest fear had been that I was the only non-Lasallian but on our community ski trip I learned something valuable. This was the first time I ever attempted to ski, and the Lasallian Volunteer Director who came with us was nice enough to try to teach me. I was not a very good student and when he would try to get me to do something, I would simply say “no.” Finally, semi-exasperated, I jokingly said, “I am not one of your volunteers; I am not Lasallian; you can’t make me do anything!” Then my roommate Clare, turned to me and said, “Sorry, Elisa, you are Lasallian by association!” Once again I had worried that community might be too big a challenge for me, but with a little trust, I have come to learn that I have the best of both worlds as a Loretto-Lasallian hybrid!

Note: Elisa has secured a position with a community based organization in NYC and has chosen to continue living at the Bedford Park Community.



(l-r) Carly Moore (Loretto Intern, United Nations) & Sr. Kathy Wright SL (member of Bedford Park Community)

300,000 Reasons to Join An O'Shaughnessy Challenge

Year II Goal
\$100,000

\$64,537
\$50,000
\$40,000
\$30,000
\$20,000
\$10,000

Reality 2006

- Children, previously floundering in poverty, sparked by Lasallian Volunteers learn to read, begin to thrive in school
"You told me I could do it and I did!" Numerous children touched by LVs
- Lasallian Ministries old and new request far more volunteers than the LV program can now manage
10 more LVs requested by 5 additional sites than 2005
- LV Alums continue teaching the poor long after their year(s) of service
22 LVs will return for the coming year; with 50 other Alums continuing in Lasallian Ministries

What does it cost?

Providing a Lasallian Volunteer to a site costs just above \$5,000. This covers recruitment, screening, placement, training & retreats, and staff support through the year.

Recognition

In 2004 the I. A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation of St. Paul, MN recognized this success and challenged us to double our impact as a key partner in their mission to improve radically middle school education for the poor across America. They dared us to match their \$300,000 Challenge Grant by 2008 to fund this vision.

Great News!

Early contributions allowed us to hire a Recruitment Coordinator last summer, increasing 2006-07 LV numbers to almost 50. Successful last year and now over halfway to our Year II goal, we raised \$64,537 (mid June) with more in pledges! Time is ripe for securing the remainder of the O'Shaughnessy windfall. Invest now with a contribution and pledge to be part of this national movement for revitalizing Catholic education for the poor.

All contributions will
be matched dollar
for dollar!

SUCCESS!

O'Shaughnessy success will insure enough volunteers for tomorrow's needs at Lasallian schools on the cutting edge of effective service to the poor.

"Without Lasallian Volunteers, this ministry would not exist."

Comments of at least 3 Community Directors at the Workshop in Dunrovin, October, 2004

"Know that the Lasallian mission that has started with me I'll carry with me for the rest of my life."

Erica Bettwy, LV, 2003-05

"Living with the Brothers who have dedicated their lives to the mission keeps you focused."

Bridget Lilly, LV, 2005-06

"Helping them find hope again, that is how I helped the boys. The consistency of the school and the nurturing way we handled each and every student was key to their success."

Marilyn Paquette, LV, 1999-01

Complete the challenge now with your gift or pledge today!

PROCLAIMING THE LV STORY OF TRANSFORMATION Coast to Coast Development Efforts!

Four Promotional Gatherings provided venues for connecting to major stakeholders for recruitment, funding and community. In each one, current LVs and Alums testified to the power of the LV experience of Faith, Service and Community lived with the Brothers for the mission to the poor.



(l-r) Jen Nash (05-07), Courtney Nelson (03-05) & Bro. Michael Avila

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

More than 60 Brothers, College Leaders/Faculty/Staff, other friends of the LV Program and SMC students interested in becoming LVs plus three Lasallian Volunteers, three

parents and six Alums gathered at a special luncheon organized by **Carole Swain**, Dean of Mission and Faculty Development and LV Advisory Board Chair. The event celebrated the extraordinary contribution of Saint Mary's College in providing over 100 of its graduates to the program. The Christian Service Internship (CSI) offered each January by **Bro. Michael Avila** (Department of Religious Studies and Director of the CSI Course) introduces Saint Mary's students to a month of intense service. Many participants continue on this path for one or more years as Lasallian Volunteers. The luncheon enabled us to thank the Saint Mary's community, as well as share the significance of the LV experience from the perspective of volunteer, parent and Alum. Thanks, Carole and Saint Mary's, for your support in planning such a wonderful gathering.



Courtney Nelson (03-05) connecting with prospective LVs

Lambert Hall, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN

The Brothers at Lambert Hall, coordinated by **Bro. Rob Veselsky** (Director of Campus Ministry), hosted a gathering which included Mass, a

Social, dinner and a program in which LVs and Alums shared experiences with CBU students who were considering the LV program. The event was also a catalyst to build support in the broader Memphis community. Two volunteers and seven Alums testified to the audience of Brothers, parents and prospective recruits about the life-transforming power of this intense living of Faith, Community and Service to the poor. All were especially touched when **Mike Hans** (LV 91-02) told of how a Saint La Salle

quote about trusting in Providence led him to say yes to his LV placement site. This in turn enabled him to overcome reluctance to work with severely handicapped children of St. Jude's Hospital where he has enthusiastically served as a nurse for 14 years. CBU continues to increase its number of LVs, next year with one returning and six new volunteers.



(l-r) Janitzia Rodriguez (05-07), Tim O'Shaughnessy, Bro. Ton Johnson, Msgr. John Jordan, & Dave Kasievich

empowering the poor across America. Two LVs, five Alums, **Tim O'Shaughnessy** of the O'Shaughnessy Foundation, **Chris Matthews** of MSNBC, **Bro. Thomas Johnson** (Executive Director of Christian Brothers Conference), **Msgr. John Jordan** (Executive Director of the Foundation for Nativity and Miguel Schools) and other friends testified to the importance of long-term voluntary service as well as to the power of dedicated LVs to instill hope and unlock new opportunities for impoverished, at-risk youth. The Ratner gathering deepened the commitment to expand the Lasallian Volunteer Program, transformation one-student and one-volunteer-at-a-time into a movement to revolutionize inner-city education.

Ratner Art Museum, Bethesda, MD

In the aura of the spirited Biblical sculptures at the Ratner Museum, friends, LV parents and donors heard the story of Lasallian Volunteers and new schools for

Lasallian Community Workshop & LV Celebration, Totino-Grace Retreat Center, Fridley, MN

The most powerful manifestation of the on-going impact



(l-r) Jon Vaughn, Br. Larry Goyette, Bro. Michael McLoughlin, Bro. Charlie Kitson, & Susan Vaughn

of the LV experience came at an alum celebration with the Brothers at the Lasallian Community Workshop outside Minneapolis. Four volunteers and 13 alums had already joined the Brothers for the three-day workshop to plan for the future of successful, shared communities of Brothers and volunteers. The celebratory social on Friday evening brought 18 more alums, their spouses and children, all deeply committed to the LV future, filled with the Lasallian spirit, and now living the LV values in their families and careers. Many of the alums enjoyed being with former friends, LV staff members and former Directors **Karin McClelland-Anderer** (LV 90-92) and **John Garry** (89-92). Renewing old friendships, exchanging lots of stories, seeing wonderful children, and sharing abundant enthusiasm for the LV future marked the celebration.

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A Special *Thank You* to...



Courtney Nelson

June 30, 2006 will mark the end of a year on the staff of the Lasallian Volunteer Program for Courtney Nelson, Coordinator of Recruitment. Courtney began her association with the Lasallian Family at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. After Saint Mary's, Courtney followed her heart and call to service as a Lasallian Volunteer for two years. She first served at De La Salle Blessed Sacrament School and Little Flower School in Memphis, TN and then at Centro La Salle in Tijuana, Mexico for her second year. In July of 2005, Courtney joined the LV staff as our first Coordinator of Recruitment. Courtney enthusiastically accepted the challenge of this new position. Fulfilling hopes beyond our expectation for an increased recruitment presence throughout the Region, Courtney provided additional resources and support to those discerning a year of service. The seven Lasallian universities were appreciative of the increased presence and networking that Courtney provided their students and faculty. Because of Courtney's hard work, we will welcome 25 new LVs and 22 returning LVs to the 06-07 service year. Courtney's passion for justice was evident with the increased awareness she brought to the program throughout the year. Courtney will be remembered for her enthusiasm and the special attention she gave to the staff, to individual Volunteers, and to prospective recruits. *Thank you, Courtney, for planting so many new seeds for future LV growth and service.*



Dr. Carole Swain

This summer marks the end of a five year presence on the Lasallian Volunteer Advisory Board for Carole Swain. During the past two years Carole was Board Chair. Carole's involvement with the Lasallian Volunteer Program has been extensive. She contributed to board development, strategic planning, and fundraising. Under her leadership the Scholarship Program at Lasallian Colleges and Universities was expanded. Carole personally connected to individual volunteers, supporting them during their time of service. Her enthusiasm, wisdom and generosity were a constant source of encouragement to the staff, and she provided vision and expert leadership for the Advisory Board. The expansion of LV service for the poor throughout the Region is a director result of Carole's leadership and special presence.

Carole currently serves the Saint Mary's College community in Moraga, CA as Dean for Mission and Faculty Development. She is also involved on the Board of Directors for DeMarillac Middle School in San Francisco, CA, is on the leadership team (?) of the San Francisco District, and has been active on other Lasallian school boards. She was voted by colleagues to be a US representative to the 2007 General Chapter of the Brothers in Rome.

Thank you, Carole, on behalf of LVs past, present and future.

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Lasallian Volunteer

TIDBITS

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IN FEBRUARY, LVS **KRISTEN CORNICELLO** AND **JOLLEEN WAGNER** ORGANIZED THE FIRST CROSS CITY CLASSIC: A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BETWEEN THE TWO CHICAGO SAN MIGUEL SCHOOLS. THE DAY CONSISTED OF FOUR BASKETBALL TEAMS COMPETING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER AND CONCLUDED WITH A GAME BETWEEN THE SAN MIGUEL GARY COMER CAMPUS STAFF AND THE SAN MIGUEL BACK OF THE YARDS CAMPUS STAFF. THE DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! COMER'S DANCE TEAM AND THE INNER CITY TUMBLERS PERFORMED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. FOOD PREPARED BY STAFF MEMBERS WAS SERVED TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE. BOTH THE GARY COMER CAMPUS AND THE BACK OF THE YARDS STUDENTS AND STAFF LOOK FORWARD TO THE EVENT AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

PRINT IT!

LV **MAGGIE SWEENEY** REPORTS THAT STUDENTS FROM SAN MIGUEL OF MINNEAPOLIS ATTENDED TWO-DAY WORKSHOPS AT HIGHPOINT CENTER FOR PRINTMAKING, A LOCAL ARTS COOPERATIVE IN MINNEAPOLIS. STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH MONOPRINT, RELIEF, INTAGLIO, AND WOODCUTTING TECHNIQUES. TWO STUDENTS' WORK WILL BE EXHIBITED IN AN UPCOMING SHOWCASE OF WORK AT HIGHPOINT.

TIME TO DANCE

THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL OF PROVIDENCE DANCE TEAM IS IN ITS SECOND YEAR! HARD WORK ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS HAS PAID OFF. CHOREOGRAPHED BY LV **CHRISTINA HU** AND **BRO. CHARLES KITSON**, THE STUDENTS HAD THEIR FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR AT THE SPRING AWARDS ASSEMBLY. THE 11 STUDENTS, WHO ARE IN THE FIFTH TO EIGHTH GRADE, DANCED TO MUSIC FROM THE MUSICAL "NEWSIES" AND TO A SONG FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE STUDENTS WERE RECEIVED WITH A STANDING OVATION FROM THE AUDIENCE.

LENT MONEY

DURING LENT, THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL OF PROVIDENCE REFLECTED ON THEIR IMPACT ON OTHERS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING LASALLIANS AROUND THE WORLD. LV **CHRISTINA HU**, WITH THE HELP OF LV ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, **ALISA MACKSEY**, COUNTED AND ROLLED THE COINS THEY COLLECTED FOR THEIR LASALLIAN TWIN SCHOOL IN KENYA. EACH CLASS COLLECTED COINS AND CREATED A PAPER LINK CHAIN, WITH EACH LINK REPRESENTING ONE DOLLAR. DURING HOLY WEEK, THE PAPER CHAIN LINKS FROM EACH CLASS WERE CONNECTED. THE STUDENTS COLLECTED \$1,000 FOR RONGAI AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, KENYA.

ROAD TRIP

DURING THE WEEK AFTER EASTER, LVS **BRIDGET LILLY** AND **KELLY BOTTO** (THE LEO CENTER, OAKLAND, CA) VACATIONED WITH **BRO. ANTHONY LENZ** TO SITES AROUND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. DURING THE TRIP, THEY VISITED THE SAN DIEGO ZOO, ATTENDED A PADRES AND DODGERS BASEBALL GAME, THE BEACH, CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SITES. THEY ALSO VISITED THE GIANT SEQUOIAS IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL FOREST. THIS WAS BRIDGET'S FIRST VISIT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. KELLY AND BRO ANTHONY ARE BOTH PREVIOUS RESIDENTS.

GOING PUBLIC

AT THE END OF MARCH, LV **JOLLEEN WAGNER** (SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL COMER CAMPUS, CHICAGO, IL) ORGANIZED THE SECOND ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL FAIR. JOLLEEN'S SEVENTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS CLASSES PREPARED FOR TWO MONTHS BY DRAFTING, EDITING, AND ORGANIZING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL ESSAYS AND PORTFOLIOS. THE STUDENTS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT PUBLIC SPEAKING. IT ALL CULMINATED WHEN THE SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS PRESENTED THEMSELVES AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS DURING A SPEECH THAT EACH STUDENT GAVE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITERS AND GUESTS.

FORMER BROS MEET LVs

AMY BELL (99-01), AND **NATALIA CHIAPA (04'05)**, GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE LASALLIAN VOLUNTEERS DURING THE YEARLY MEETING OF LES AMIS DES FERES, A GROUP OF CALIFORNIA FORMER BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LAST SUMMER. LISTENERS WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE DEDICATION AND UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION OF THE LVS. A MAJOR FOCUS OF QUESTIONING WAS ON THE ISSUE OF VOLUNTEERS LIVING IN THE BROTHERS COMMUNITIES, A REAL 'NO-NO' WHEN MEMBERS LIVED IN COMMUNITY. BUT THE EASE AND DIRECTNESS OF THE SPEAKERS PROVED VERY CONVINCING. THOUGH LES AMIS IS CHIEFLY A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, THE GROUP CONTRIBUTES TO THE LEO CENTER'S PROGRAMS, THE RETIREMENT FOR SISTERS PROGRAM, AND RESPONDS TO VARIOUS CHRISTIAN BROTHERS REQUESTS. IN FACT, THE GROUP WILL SOON SURPASS \$40,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEO CENTER.

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American religious, a woman who loved the Guatemalan indigenous people with whom she worked. Her very essence was stolen from her. As she began to uncover the details of her abduction and torture, it became ever more clear how involved the United States government was in her torture and how much it knew about the widespread practice of torture throughout Guatemala. Many of her pursuits of an investigation were thwarted. She was personally slandered by U.S. officials who actively tried to protect their image and hide their place in many of the secrets that she had begun to uncover. Her perpetrators have still not been brought to justice because of the unwillingness of our judicial system to represent the victim's rights throughout the investigative and prosecution process.

While in Georgia, I met an amazing woman named Patricia Isasa, who was abducted as a 16-year old high school student in 1976, active in her community, during Argentina's "Dirty War," supported by the United States. Patricia was held in a secret concentration camp for over two years, where she was tortured in the very same manner as that used against prisoners in Abu Grahیب and Guantanamo. These torture, also known as "counter-insurgency" tactics, are outlined in the torture manual produced by the School of the Americas.

I know that I do not have all the answers. I am not privy to

military intelligence; I am not a defense expert, nor will I ever be. My own family has enough food to eat, has been fully educated, and presently, by the grace of God, everyone is employed. When we grieve, we are given the answers about the people for whom we grieve. My mom and I feel confident and comfortable in participating in lobbying efforts; our lives aren't threatened, and God willing, they probably won't be.

Yet I still feel in my heart the need to mourn the deep and senseless loss of too many innocent people; I feel called to use my voice, my feet, and my power to speak out on behalf of the countless victims of violence and terror throughout Latin America. I cannot claim to be a legitimate part of a community that educates the poor if I do not respond to the urgency of the poor suffering and dying for the benefit of others. I cannot expect education to happen anywhere if I do not begin to recognize my responsibility to teach myself, to empower myself to speak out against these injustices.

So I march, and I mourn, and I pray, write, call, email, sing, and scream. I do all I know how to do to remind those who could begin to end the oppression of people in vulnerable places...Remind them that every life does indeed matter, that we are all indelibly connected, and that all of us are, and will be held, accountable.

Alumni Notes

What's everybody up to?

Bill Serb (94-95: *St. Joseph, Greenville, MS*) and wife Cheryl celebrated the birth of their 3rd child (Timothy) this past March. He joins Benjamin (5) and Maria (2). Bill just finished his 6th year as the varsity girls volleyball coach at Hamilton High School in Sussex, WI (where he taught English for 2 years). This spring Bill is also coaching junior Olympic club volleyball for a local team. He is a stay-home dad, enjoying watching the kids grow each day.

Tricia O'Brien Johnson (99-00: *San Miguel, Chicago*) and Dean recently moved to Indonesia. Dean was offered a position as Head of Programming for Catholic Relief Services in Meulaboh, Indonesia, where CRS is focusing on tsunami relief and reconstruction. Meulaboh is a town of about 20,000 people and has been rather removed from Western influence. They plan to be in Indonesia for two years.

Carrie Neumeier Peralta (97-98: *St. Gabriel School, East Elmhurst, NY*) gave birth to her second daughter Allyson Linda Peralta on September 5, 2005 weighing 8lbs. 13oz. 19 inches. She is happy and healthy! Mom, Dad (Pete) and big sister Emily are also very happy with their new bundle of joy!

Deb Carlson Doom (95-97: *Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY*) and Chad celebrated the birth of their first child, Isabel Rialto Doom Macheel on January 3, 2006 weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces 19 1/2 inches long.

Phil Dujardin (95-96: *St. Gabriel School, East Elmhurst, NY*) is living in Boston, and taking courses to be a theology teacher or campus minister.

Irene Guzman (04-05: *De La Salle at Blessed Sacrament, Memphis, TN*) is in graduate school at Seattle University for sports administration. She also secured a head coaching position in lacrosse at the university.

Kiersten Daniel (01-03: *De La Salle Aftercare, Philadelphia, PA*) is a therapeutic social worker in the foster care division at the Jewish Child Care Association's, Brooklyn office with a case load of 10-12 children and adolescents. She began working on her LCMSW degree. Kiersten volunteered for two weeks doing legal work at a human rights clinic in Mississippi.

Josh Rundle (96-98: *St. Joseph High School, Greenville, MS*) and wife Adriana Alencar celebrated the birth of their first child, Tiago Alencar Rundle, on Tuesday, February

28, 2006, 7lbs, 8oz. and 20.5 inches. Josh is thankful for the prayers, love and support they received and encouraged them to keep coming because "the adventure is just beginning!"

Sarah DeMarco (03-05: *San Miguel School of Providence, RI*) ended her year commitment as a retreat facilitator at La Manor Retreat Center in Plano, IL and will begin her graduate studies at Loyola University Chicago.

Heather Ruple (01-03: *San Miguel School of Providence, RI*) has been named Dean of Academics at San Miguel School of Providence. Heather assisted in facilitating the 2006 Debriefing Retreat by leading a session and assisting the LVs with processing their year of faith, service & community.

Chris Giangregorio (01-03: *DLS at St. Matthew's, St. Louis, MO; Resurrection School, Harlem, NY*) has moved from St. Louis to the Bay Area where he will be teaching at De Marillac Middle School in San Francisco, CA.

Marilyn Paquette (99-01: *San Miguel School of Providence, RI*) was recently hired by the San Francisco District as their new Coordinator of Lasallian Student Programs. Marilyn will work within the Office of Education at the De La Salle Institute in Napa to promote the heritage, mission, and vocation of De La Salle Christian Brothers and their Partners through a variety of programs geared to students and young adults. A portion of responsibilities will include connecting and supporting LVs in the District

Bree Woods (02-04: *San Miguel School – Back of the Yards Campus, Chicago, IL*) accepted a position with the Center for Civic Education in Calabasas, CA. The organization is a national non-profit that runs both domestic and international programs and curricula through schools to actively engage elementary through high school age students in becoming educated citizens and to learn how to make changes in society. Bree will be coordinating two of the domestic programs for the northeast states, Project Citizen and We the People

Thomas Myers (03-04: *De La Salle Blackfeet, MT*) is engaged to marry Jennifer Bruns this summer and will begin his studies in the fall at Minnesota State University, Mankato for a bachelors degree in fine arts

Kimberly Ross (00-01: *La Salle Academy, NYC*) was accepted into the Lasallian Educator Fellowship Program at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. The Fellowship Program has been created to educate teachers for Lasallian Schools. Kim will complete one academic year plus one summer of study in the Saint Mary's College Single Subject credential program.

Saint Mary's College sponsors the 5th year of post-BA study, which means that Kim will attend the credential program gratuitously. In exchange for this tuition waiver, Kim will be required to teach for a minimum of three years in a salaried position at one of the Christian Brothers' schools in the San Francisco District.

Mike Culligan (87-88: *St. Martin, St. Vincent, West Indies; former LV Director, current Advisory Board*) and Meg just celebrated the birth of their second child, Jack in May. Mike continues to work for Catholic Relief Services with Meg in Medical School at the University of Pittsburgh.

Colleen Bourque (02-05: *LEO Center and De La Salle Blackfeet School, Oakland, CA*) graduated from SMU, Winona in May, 2006 with a master of arts degree in instruction. She will continue graduate school at the Teton Science School for environmental education in Jackson, WY.

Teisha (Smith) Devine (00-02: *San Miguel School, Camden, NJ & Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, CA*) & **David Devine** (00-02: *Cathedral High School, Los Angeles*) are expecting their first child this summer. Both reside in Chicago, IL.

Justin Kuehl (03-05: *La Salle Academy, NYC*) announced his engagement to his fiancé Dawn. Justin continues to teach English at Christian Brothers High School in Memphis, TN.

Matt Palkert (00-02: *St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, MD & De La Salle North Catholic H.S., Portland, OR*) will be working on a two-year Masters of Theological Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Matt's door will be open to LVs passing through South Bend, IN.

Phil & Nikki (Herth) Schumaker (02-04: *De La Salle Blackfeet, Browning, MT*) recently moved to Oklahoma City where Phil began a new job with Dell. Phil will work in their Software & Peripherals Department. Nikki and Phil also announced that they are expecting their first child

Melissa Maletto (04-06: *DeMarillac Middle School, San Francisco, CA*) is engaged to marry **Anthony Wasacz** (02-04: *DeMarillac Middle School, San Francisco, CA*). The two will celebrate with family and friends this summer on the Jersey shore.

Leo Guardado (04-05: *Bishop Loughlin High School, Brooklyn, NY*) will be working on a two-year Masters of Theological Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Leo's door will be open to LVs passing through South Bend, IN.

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"the task of the community in today's world is to be much more outward looking, a place of communion open to offering its experience of communion to others, sharing the gifts of individual members and being open to this exchange of gifts. This is already taking place in various ways, for example by the presence of Lasallian Volunteers of various kinds who share many aspects of community living alongside Brothers."

Toward the 44th General Chapter: Concerning the Work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Rule; Community Life (Chapter four)

The group committed to continuing the energy from the weekend by forming four focus groups. The groups will provide energy and input for future Lasallian Community gatherings, and were charged with the following:

1. Name elements of Lasallian community and profile its new expressions with the goal of providing a template for those interested in forming new communities or supporting existing communities.
2. Create structures of connectivity for those leading and participating in shared communities.
3. Seek new and creative ways to accompany LVs and Alums that would support their own commitment to community life.
4. Work with Christian Brothers Conference to develop an effective web presence for those involved in shared communities throughout the Region.



(l-r) Bro James Joost, Annemarie Phelps(Booth) (01-03), Travis Phelps (01-03), Bro. Larry Goyette, Vicki Kline (05-07) & Bro. Michael Kadow



(l-r) LV Directors John Garry, David Kasievich and Karin McClelland-Anderer.



Three Community Directors:(l-r) Bro. Michael Kadow, Kathy Donahue and Bro. Charlie Kitson.



(l-r) Alisa Macksey, Kathy Donahue, Gayle McMenamy, Kristin Corbal, Rosa Kadera-Redmond, Bro. Louis Rodeman



Dave recruiting a new generation!



(L-r) front:
Bro. Michael Farrell,
Chris Giangregorio
(01-03)
(l-r) back:
Jen Blake (Solz)
(03-05), Kristin Corbal
(03-04), Bro. Michael
McLoughlin, Christine
Cepress (05-06)

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