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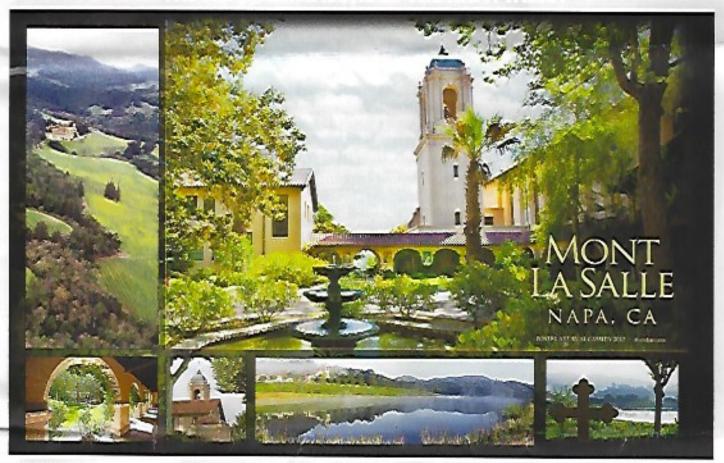
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THE HIDDEN TREASURE OF THE NAPA VALLEY



OVERVIEW WHAT IS THIS PLACE ABOUT?

About six miles northwest of the City of Napa, up in the rolling hills of the Mt. Veeder appellation area, lies the group of mission-style buildings that is called "Mont La Salle."

It is named after Saint John Baptist de La Salle, the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (AKA Christian Brothers or De La Salle Christian Brothers), a French priest

who started the order in 1680. Mary's College, then located at for their formation, administhe Patron Saint of Teachers.

This Catholic religious group of teaching brothers-currently the largest group of lay Catholic Brothers exclusively devoted to education - came to Califor-Bishop Alemany of San Francisco. He had asked them to

stabilized the finances, and established the college as the largest institution of higher education in California. In 1879. the Brothers' central offices and formation houses were moved nia in 1868 at the invitation of to Martinez, where presently many oil refineries are located.

In 1950 he was declared the College and Crescent Streets tration, and retirement center, Special Patron of All Teachers in San Francisco. They soon a place where they could find of Youth, popularly known as increased the enrollment, find peace and tranquility. They also sought a good vineyard and a winery, in order to further develop a growing business in the production of altar wines, something that had started in Martinez years earlier with a few vines and a small production. Napa proved In 1930 the Brothers decided to be the best place and Mont take over the struggling Saint that a newlocation was needed. La Salle the perfect location.



The Brothers of the Christian Schools & Lasallian Education

Mont La Salle BROTHERS BACKGROUND

The Brothers of the Christian Schools (AKA Christian Brothers or De La Salle Christian Brothers) are a Roman Catholic religious teaching congregation founded in France by Saint John Baptist de La Salle. They are an exclusively lay order - not priests - who dedicate themselves to schools, teaching, and educational endeavors, thereby bringing the Gospel to the educational world.

Worldwide, there are about 1,000 institutions, including 74 colleges and universities, educating over a million students. About 4,000 Brothers work with 86,000 Partners in 77 countries, providing education to the young, especially the poor, in a ministry that was entrusted to them by the Church.

The Brothers take five vows. The primary commitment and vow of the Brothers is "association for the service of the poor through education." As religious, they also take the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, along with another vow of stability.

Through their ministry "together and by association" with Lasallian Partners, the Brothers continue to innovate in responding to the needs of the disadvantaged. This includes offering services to

troubled youth; providing tuition scholarships, support, and specialized programs for students in need; and founding the San Miguel Schools, a model of non-tuition driven schools that serve students from families of limited financial means.

As part of one of the largest educational networks in the world, Lasallian Education can be found in 102 schools and ministries throughout the United States and Canada.

Since 1680, educational institutions around the world have been influenced by the vision and innovative spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. He transformed education by forming a community of educators with whom he developed a spirituality of teaching and learning, in order to give a human and Christian education to young people, especially the poor.

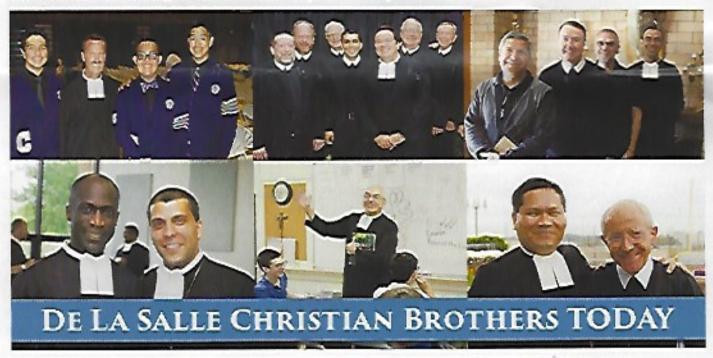
Lasallian Education centers on Catholic values and personal relationships, emphasizing academic excellence, faith formation, inclusion, respect for the individual, service, and social justice. A Lasallian Education strives to enrich each student's cultural, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual development.



St. John Baptist de La Salle (1651 - 1719)

Patron Saint of Teachers, and Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. La Salle is the inspiration behind the movement of Lasallian education & its spirituality. More information at:

> www.brothersvocation.org www.dlsfootsteps.com



MLS's History - The Short Version

A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Brothers established a juniorate, a novi-structures. A graduate of Harvard site, and so they began the search for a Valley, he was also one of the architects newlocation. They discovered a winery and resort being sold by wine merchant ville. Theodore Gier several miles in the hills above Napa.

desired seclusion, but it also contained a fully functioning winery and several hundred acres of vineyards, allowing people in attendance, on May 17, 1931. the Brothers to continue the winemaking business they had begun in because of the inevitable money prob-Martinez. In 1930 the De La Salle Institute, under the leadership of Brother early into 1932, when the buildings Gregory Mallon, who was Visitor at the were finally ready for occupancy. time (the title indicates the religious superior for the group), purchased the property. Immediately, he began planning the construction of a large mission-style complex that would later benamed Mont La Salle, after the the District's administration. Founder of the Brothers, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

known for his work on other church prayer, study, sports, outings, and life.

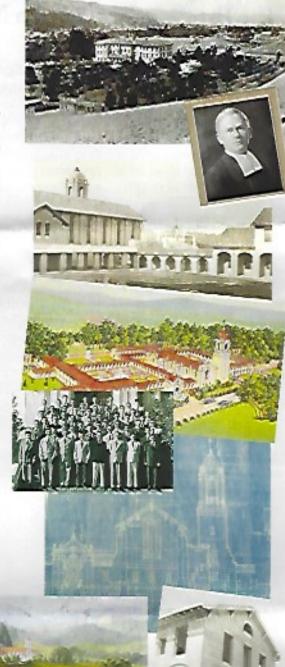
Shortly after their arrival on the buildings in the San Francisco Bay West Coast in 1868, the Christian Area, was selected to design the tiate, and a home for retired Brothers University, he had received frequent in Martinez overlooking San Fran- commissions from the Archdiocese of cisco Bay. However, by the late 1920s, San Francisco, among them St. Brigid they realized that the rapidly growing Catholic Church and the renovation of city was enveloping their once peaceful Mission Dolores Church. In the Napa of Saint Joan of Arc Church in Yount-

Work on the property started in December of 1930, and by February Not only did the property offer the some of the foundations were in place. The cornerstone was laid in appropriategrand style, with almost a thousand

> Although construction slowed lems, work continued over 1931 and

> Soon the buildings were filled with Novices (Brothers in training), Junior Novices (high school students desiring to become Brothers) and retired Brothers, along with those engaged in

At its beight, there could be as many as 150 Brothers and students living at The architect H. A. Minton, already the new property. It was a beehive of





The Brothers Move from Martinez to the Napa Valley

Mont La Salle MOVE TO NAPA

The Mont La Salle property was purchased in 1930 by De La Salle Institute (the legal corporation for the District of San Francisco).

The property consisted of 338 acres, located about seven miles northwest of the City of Napa. The purchase price was \$50,000 and included an old stone winery, a small still, and one hundred thousand gallons of dry wine. Also on the property were orchards, gardens, swimming pool, ponds, twelve small cottages, and twelve thousand gallons of unfermented grape juice.

Mr. M. H. Hudemann had settled and farmed the property in 1864 when it was known as "Spout Farm" because of its numerous springs. Mr. Rudolf Jordan, Jr. acquired the property in 1884. He planted seventy-five acres of vineyard and called it "Lotus Vineyard" because of an Egyptian Lotus which grew in an artificial lake on the grounds - presently a vegetable garden. He, in turn, sold the property to Mr. Theodore Gier in 1900, and the new owner planted additional acres of grapes, built a spacious stone cellar, and changed the name to "Sequoia Vineyards."

The name was changed to "Mount La Salle" when the Brothers purchased the property in 1930, in honor of St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers. One year later, the French word "Mont" was substituted.

Brother Gregory Mallon floated a 5.5% Serial Gold bond issue of \$500,000 for the purchase of the property and the construction of the buildings, which consisted of three two-story buildings grouped around a chapel. It was a beautiful example of combined Spanish Romanesque and Mission-style architecture, designed by H. A. Minton, AIA, of San Francisco, with J. Brennan of Berkeley as the contractor.

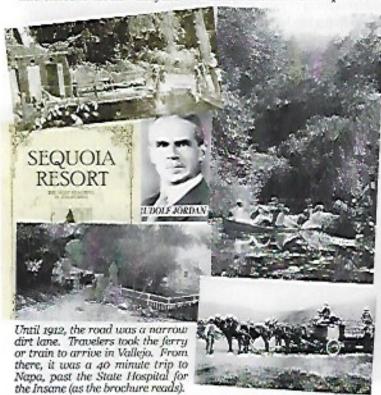
The Juniorate for high school candidates, the Novitiate, and the residence for retired Brothers were all connected with the chapel by areades that enclosed three wide, shady patios.

Ground was broken in December 1930, and the cornerstone was laid by the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, Bishop of Salt Lake City and Co-adjutor Archbishop designate for San Francisco, on May 17, six months later.

Br. Jasper Fitzimmons, who was the Visitor of the District from 1935 to 1943, during very difficult financial times, wrote this about the early Mont La Salle: "On May 17, 1931, the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone took place. High Mass was celebrated in the grove behind the Juniorate [presently the picnic grove].

Father Richard J. Curtis was the celebrant and Fathers John J. Turco and Thomas O'Connell were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Juniors, Novices, and Scholastics formed a choir of over sixty voices and sang the Missa Brevis (Montani) and the Benediction that immediately followed.

Brother Julian was the organist and one of the novices; Brother Fidelis led the choir. In the afternoon the cornerstone was blessed and placed. This was followed by a number of speeches delivered by Mr. Lowery, Mr. Maxwell, one of the of the supervisors of Napa, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Mitty of Salt Lake, now coadjutor Archbishop of San Francisco,









and Brother Gregory, Visitor.

the crowd of over a thousand guests expressed great satisfaction and pleasure at the program, the progress, and the extent of the buildings and the place in general."

The group of junior novices, novices, and retired Brothers (Holy Family Community) Mont La Salle in April 1932. The winery completed its move to the Napa location in 1932, transporting 60,000 gallons of sacramental wines young men enrolling in the from Martinez. Brother Gregory was Provincial, Brother V. Leo, Director of Novices, Brother Arcadius Patrick, Director of Juniors, and moved from the campus Brother Ulfinian, Director

was held on September 5. 1932, by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna and Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Fran-Brothers' schools in New York.

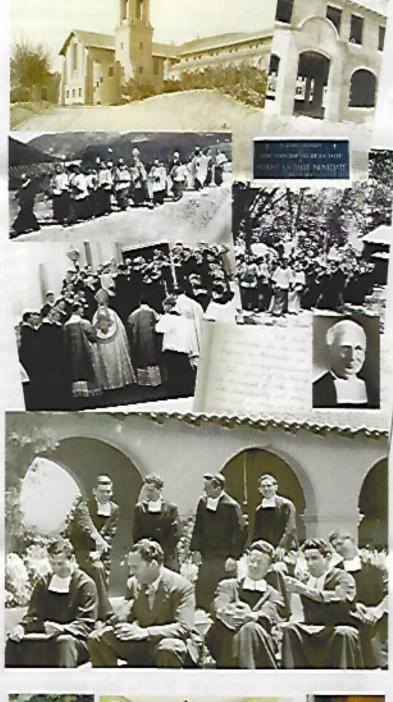
cemetery from Martinez to

Mont La Salle in October of The day was beautiful and 1932, and later moved the remains of Brothers buried in San Francisco, Sacramento, and Oakland to Napa. Since then, almost all Brothers of the San Francisco District have been buried in the cemetery at Mont La Salle, where it is peaceful and quiet.

In the early 1950's, there moved from Martinez to were so many young men entering the Novitiate that a wing was added to the northwest side of Mont La Salle.

In 1969, the number of Juniorate diminished to the point that it was closed. In its place, Saint Mary's Residence School for Boys was at Peralta Park in Berkeley. of Holy Family Community. The residence continued The dedication ceremony in operation until 1986.

In 1983, a wing was added to enlarge the retirement community quarters and to house the infirmary for the cisco, both alumni from older Brothers. Frates Hall, another extension to the Holy The Brothers moved their Family Community quarters, was dedicated in 1998.





1950's Novitiate extension



1983 HFC infirmary wing



1998 - Frates Hall extension









The Brothers who live at Mont La Salle remain active in the many ways that are available to them, including a variety of ongoing ministries for the District.



The Winery - Mont La Salle Vineyards - Supporting the Mission

HISTORY MONT LA SALLE VINEYARDS

Brother John Hoffman was assigned to Mont La Salle in 1934 and was joined a year later by Brother Timothy Diener. Both of these men were responsible for the commercial growth of the winery operation in the 1940's and 1950's, Brother John died in 1962 and was succeeded as President of Mont La Salle Vineyards by Brother Gregory Schiefelbein, who had joined the winery operation in 1946. Brother Timothy retired as Cellar Master in 1986 after more than fifty years of winemaking.

Brother Timothy was very well-liked by all who knew him. With his sharp mind and amazing memory, he could answer any and all questions related to wine, wine-making, and the history of Mont La Salle, where he had lived most of his life. Part of his extensive cork-screw collection continues to be on display at the former Greystone winery in St. Helena, presently the Culinary Institute of America. Brother Tim died in 2004 and is buried at Mont La Salle.

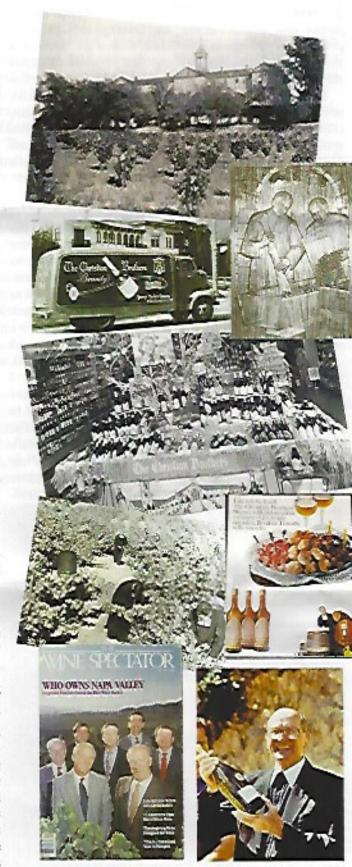
The Brothers employed in the winery operations were members of the Holy Family Community until 1981 when some of the winery Brothers moved to a residence in St. Helena. Brother Cassian Frye, President, and Brother Timothy continued to live at Mont La Salle. The winery Brothers joined the Provincialate Community at Mont La Salle in 1989.

In the 1960's, a five-phase program moved the winery operations from Mont La Salle to property owned in South St. Helena. A warehouse was the first building constructed. A second warehouse and the crushing operations followed.

The third phase was the transfer of production operations and the public relations office. Meanwhile, the wine tours and tasting operations were discontinued at Mont La Salle. The fourth phase was the moving of the bottling machinery. The fifth phase was accomplished in January 1987 with the completion of the construction of a new administration building at the South St. Helena location. Meanwhile, the winery was able to lease its facilities at Mont La Salle and 40 acres of land to Hess Collection Wine Company, which made major renovations of the buildings and the surrounding areas. Today, the South St. Helena property is owned by Sutter Home Vine-

Most of these phases were initiated by Brother David Brennan, President of Mont La Salle Vineyards since 1982. In 1987, Brother David appointed Mr. Richard Maher as President of Mont La Salle Vineyards. Brother David remained as Chairman of the Board and CEO. He had been preceded by Brother Cassian Frye and Brother Frederick Portillo.

In 1936, Mont La Salle was faced with the dire effects of the Depression when De La Salle Institute declared bankruptcy because it did not have the funds to redeem bonds that were issued in 1930 for the construction of Mont La Salle. Brother Jasper Fitzsimmons, the Provincial who succeeded Brother Gregory Mallon, weathered these stormy years and finally made an acceptable agreement with the bond holders. The success of the wine business in the 40's and 50's made it possible for De La Salle Institute to remove its









CBefore and after.

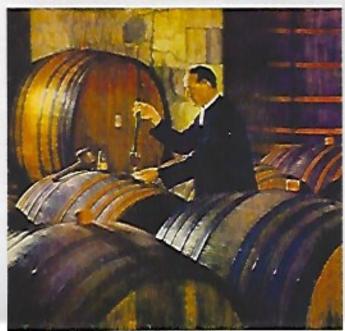
bankruptcy status. During the expansion of the wine operations, more property adjoining Mont La Salle was acquired for vineyard expansion and water acquisition, bringing the size of the total property to about 500 acres.

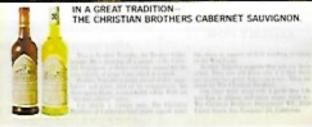
In 1957, the vineyard and winery operations were incorporated as Mont La Salle Vinevards. an entity that paid taxes like any other privately-owned business.

the winery buildings and the vineyards from De La Salle Institute, which then became a tax exempt corporation that owned the residence and the school buildings of schools operated by the Brothers. De La Salle Institute received royalties from sales of Christian Brothers wines and brandy to help support the District Administration, along with the training and retirement of the Brothers, as well by the corporation.

In 1988, Mont La Salle Vineyards began negotiations for the sale of the winery operations, including the label, property and vineyards in Napa Valley and in the Central Valley. The sale was made to Heublein. Inc. in May 1989, However, De La Salle Institute maintained ownership of all the buildings and land at the Mont La Salle property, which was leased to Hess Collection Winery This entity took ownership of Company in 1987. They continue to operate from there up to the present day.

From the sale of the winery operations, De La Salle Institute has set up several trust funds. One at Mont La Salle and a number fund provides for the retirement and health benefits for the Brothers. Another provides financial aid to the District schools for helping families who cannot afford the full tuition. The third fund provides for major maintenance of the various properties owned by as subsidizing the schools owned the District and covers De La Salle Institute administration costs.











The District of San Francisco New Orleans - The Big Picture



SFNO DISTRICT

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The New Lasallian SFNO District is Created

HISTORY THE SPNO DISTRICT

After many years of conversations, planning, meetings, and gatherings of Brothers, on July 1, 2014, the two Districts of San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe ceased to exist, and the new Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans was formed. The schools, communities, and other institutions combined into this new province of Lasallian ministry that generally covers the western half of the United States, concentrating primarily on the Southwest, West, and Northwest

The graphic above shows the various schools, institutions, and communities. It also provides information about whether particular schools are owned by the Brothers or by the local diocese, and if there is a Brothers community associated with that school.

The new district is one of four that comprise the Lasallian Region of North America (RELAN-French Acronym) of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

As both a local presence and a member of the worldwide Lasallian family, the District exists to animate and support our educational mission as it is carried out through the ministries and activities that the District sponsors. This is accomplished through its schools, boards of trustees,



organizational structures and initiatives, as well as through traditional Lasallian cultural components such as a faith in the presence and the action of God, our association together around a commonly shared spiritual and professional vision, and committed service in meeting the educational needs of all members of the human family, most especially the young, the needy, and the poor.

In the 2016-2017 academic year. the SFNO District served 12,645 students in elementary and secondary schools, 3,908 students at Saint Mary's College, and 1,750 students in educational centers, making a total of 18,303 people served. The financial awards provided were \$34.5 million for elementary and secondary students, and \$59.3 million for college students, making a total of \$93.8 million. The SFNO District schools employ 2,652 people, including 136 administrators (13 of whom are Christian Brothers), 578 support staff, and 1,298 faculty members. There are 61 campus ministers, 164 religion/theology teachers, and 74 mission/identity personnel.

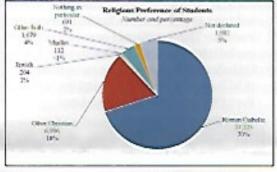
In the Region of North America and Canada (RELAN), there are 66 elementary, middle, and secondary schools, 62% of which are owned by the Brothers. 79% are high schools. Of all students, 71% are male, and 70% are Roman Catholic. There are about 39,000 pupils enrolled in the region's Lasallian schools, of which 7,184 (18%) are eligible for free and reduced lunch and 18,965 receive some form of tuition assistance. The average annual tuition is \$13,954. A total of \$105.2 million was provided by the RELAN Region in financial aid to families.

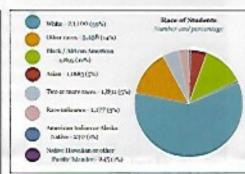
Six colleges and universities in the region enroll 30,690 students, of which 2/3 are undergraduates (40% are Roman Catholic). Tuition averages \$30,583, and \$382 million was provided in financial aid, 48% of it in need-based grants.



Region of North America: This map shows the areas where there are Lasallian Institutions in North America. Each color represents a different "District" or "Province." (www.lasallian.info)

	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Total
Need-based grant in aid					
(including work study)	\$1,230,712	\$985,035	\$6,120	\$3,642,783	\$81,226,979
Academic	\$259,714	\$144,250	\$2,520	\$1,000,000	\$10,907,983
Publically funded					
voucher	\$794,943	\$458,428	\$57,400	\$2,673,531	\$4,769,659
Other aid (including					
multiple children					
discounts, faculty					
discounts, and credits)	\$176,785	\$107,605	\$500	\$851,600	\$8,308,896







International Institute: This map shows all the Lasallian Regions in the world. (www.lasalle.org)



Christian Brothers Retreat & Conference Center - Weddings!

MLS ACTIVITIES WEDDINGS

For many years, the property at Mont La Salle has been made available to the larger community for conferences, meetings, and retreats. The meetings and conferences have included hospital groups, government organizations, and school-related functions.

For over ten years, the chapel and property have also seen some really fine and beautiful weddings. The policy is to allow up to sixteen weddings per year at Mont La Salle, with ceremonies often held in the main chapel, the reception centered in the novitiate courtyard, and the banquet held in the central courtyard, stringed with lights.

The property is well placed to be the ideal venue for couples and their guests, both because of its location, ambience, architecture, and beauty, and because of the great staff that focuses exclusively on helping to make all weddings a highlight in the lives of families.

The property inspires and instills a sense of peace and tranquility, with buildings of the Spanish Romanesque and Mission style architecture. The connected series of court-yard gardens enhance the natural beauty of the surroundings. Captivating decorations, fabulous fare and dedicated attention to every detail leaves a grand, lasting, impression of these special events.

Mont La Salle's Culinary Institute of America-trained Executive Chef Juan Zavala and his staff provide full service catering in the private dining room and outdoor facilities, creating customized seasonal menus, served by a warm and professional event staff in order to assure optimum appeal. There is also a picnic area tucked away under one hundred year old California Redwood trees with an outdoor kitchen, and there is a veranda attached to the main meeting room that is used for special events.

Guests can rest and relax in one of the sixteen en-suite guest rooms, each includes all amenities plus wifi. Tranquil courtyard gardens, a swimming pool and a hot tub complete the package. Guest counts can vary from 25 to 200, depending on location.

The main chapel underwent renovation in 1966, resulting in a chapel ambience with simple, clean colors, minimal distraction, and a primary emphasis on those who attendits Masses, rituals and ceremonics.

Catholic wedding ceremonies are welcome as well as other Christian denominations. The courtyards or veranda are available for Non-Catholic Ceremonies. For Catholic weddings, only those recognized as valid by the Catholic Church and the Santa Rosa Diocese can be accommodated.





















Who Lives & Works on the Property Now? MONT LA SALLE

CURRENT OCCUPANTS

Mont La Salle is a complex of buildings that includes two communities of Brothers, a retreat and conference center, and De La Salle Institute (DLSI), the corporate and administrative entity that oversees all of the schools, communities, and organizations that are part of the Lasallian District of San Francisco New Orleans.

The Holy Family Community is a retirement and healthcare facility for the a high-quality experience for everyone, Brothers. An average of twenty Brothers are well cared for by a dedicated staff of CNA's, our District Nurse, and an LVN. They have their own chapel for daily Mass, meditation, and personal prayer, and the Brothers participate in a host of activities organized by an Activities Director.

The Provincialate Community includes those Brothers working in District administration, especially the religious superior of the District, the Provincial, with the title of Brother Visitor, and the Brother Auxiliary Visitor, along with Brothers who remain active in a variety of District or ministerial roles. The community is located in a separate part of the property, has its own dining room and chapel, and maintains its own schedule.

The Christian Brothers Retreat and Conference Center (christianbrosretreat. com) is described on the opposite page. Its dedicated staff oversees the use of all facilities on the property, both by outside groups and the special celebrations and functions of the Brothers. They coordinate these events and activities with the kitchen and maintenance staffs in order to ensure

De La Salle Institute is comprised of the Office of Education, the Finance Office, the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation, the District Archives, Facilities and Services, the Conference Center, the IT office, the Lasallian Resource Center, and Food Service. In addition, there are those working elsewhere that are part of DLSI; e.g., the office in Covington, Louisiana, the District Camps, the Director of Communication, and Vocation Ministry.

Organizations such as the Association of Board Chairs (ABC), the District Chief Administrator Association (DCAA), the District Council (DC), and a variety of financial consulting and oversight groups are also part of the DLSI administrative structure and often meet at Mont La Salle.

Chapel & Pipe Organ

MLS CHAPEL & ORGAN

The chapel was renovated in 1966 to reflect the liturgical renewal encouraged by the Second Vatican Council. The work was done under the direction of Rambusch Designers of New York City.

The pipe organ was built by Murray M. Harris in Los Angeles in 1900 for a church in San Francisco (2 manuals, 25 stops, 27 ranks of pipes). This organ survived the 1906 earthquake. In 1927, it moved to another church in San Francisco and was entirely rebuilt by Schoenstein & Co. In 1967. the organ was purchased and installed at Mont La Salle by Otto Schoenstein. Bond Organ Builders later rewired the organ and console, adding a number of sets of pipes to the instrument.

Today, the organ has 29 stops (or pipe voices), and 34 ranks of pipes and is used for celebrations, weddings, and at the

Sunday 11:00 am Mass.



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The Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF)

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation (LCBF) supports the educational mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and their

Partners in the San Francisco New

Orleans District.

LCBF works with generous and compassionate donors to raise funds in support of the dual facets of our shared Lasallian mission: educating low-income students, and providing for the Brothers who serve them. Raised through individual gifts, annual fund drives, golfing and other events, endowment building, and Br. Timothy online wine sales, LCBF provides scholarships to the most underserved students in

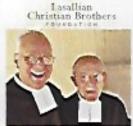
our middle and secondary schools in the San Francisco New Orleans District. It also supports the presence and influence of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the schools by promoting vocations, training of young Brothers, and caring for our senior Brothers. LCBF has this fiscal vear (2016-2017) raised \$836,500 to date. Every contribution helps.

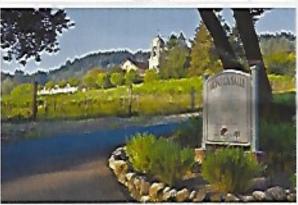
A gift to the Lasallian Christian Brothers Foundation supports the continuance of the Lasallian mission: "To provide a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor."

MOREINFO @

www.lcbfoundation.org







"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

A CHANCE TO WALK AROUND & BE STILL

The property of Mont La Salle is very walkable, for those interested in experiencing the grace of nature. The map below shows the roads and the various or houses that you might run into as you walkways. You can visit the cemetery of walk around. You are free to take photos the Brothers, or see the different gardens say a prayer or two, and appreciate the on the property. Simply be respectful of grandeur of God's nature that blossom those living or working in the buildings all around us. It is truly a blessed place.



Paved Roads Stations of the Cross Path to the Reservoir



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