



Christian Brothers Residential Community to Depart Sacramento

Br. Stanislaus Campbell, FSC, Brother Visitor of the De La Salle Christian Brothers District of San Francisco announced in November that a number of Christian Brothers' living communities will be consolidated in the summer of 2011. This change, part of a long process of turning over school leadership to Lay Partners, allows for larger living communities for the Brothers which is a vital component of their vocation. The community in Sacramento is scheduled to be closed with Br. Christopher Donnelly, FSC, and Br. Thomas Pham, FSC, joining other communities in the Western United States. Br. Donald Johanson, FSC, has been appointed Brother Visitor of the District of San Francisco and will live and work at the District headquarters in Napa.

While this change is reflective of the decline in religious vocations nationwide, CB in Sacramento is blessed to enjoy close proximity to the District of San Francisco headquarters in Napa and as such, anticipates maintaining a close working relationship with the Christian Brothers. Dedicated educators

and staff are prepared to carry on the Catholic, Lasallian tradition of education at Christian Brothers High School.

"On the part of the Brothers, this is truly a vote of confidence," says Br. Donald. "We have confidence in the administration, faculty and staff, and know that the school is in good hands."

"The vocation of the Christian Brothers is teaching. As such, they have been extraordinary teachers in sharing their mission, vision and values," says CB President, Lorean Barnes. "Throughout my career, I have been blessed to work with a number of religious orders. None have been as intentional or as forward-thinking about sharing their charism and mission. Their willingness to so generously impart the Founder's mission allows Lasallian education to thrive worldwide."

With considerable foresight, the District of San Francisco has invested extensive human and financial resources over the last 16 years to provide Lasallian formation opportunities to trustees, faculty and staff. Sacramento's

campus community includes a number of Lasallian Leadership Institute and Bummer Institute of Lasallian Studies graduates who have benefitted from these multi-year formation programs. Other faculty members and staff have participated in Lasallian immersion activities nationally and abroad.

Other schools in the district have been without Brothers communities for decades while successfully advancing the Lasallian mission.

"We have full faith that Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento will continue to thrive as part of our Lasallian community," says Br. Donald.

"At CB, day-to-day operations will remain the same," says President Lorean Barnes. "CB is still owned by the Christian Brothers District of San Francisco and the school is wholeheartedly committed to our Catholic, Lasallian mission. We are financially secure. Our faculty and staff are well prepared and proud to carry on the school's 135-year tradition of excellence in education while inspiring the hearts and minds of our students."